

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1092

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 10, 2026
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Bostar
One Liner: Provide for Back the Blue License Plates and Iconic-Design License Plates

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	5	Senators Moser, Ballard, Bosn, Guereca, Storer
Nay:	1	Senator Brandt
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	2	Senators DeBoer, Fredrickson

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Eliot Bostar
Alan Zavodny
Christa Yoakum
Matt Kasik
Alana Schriver
Robert Davis
Jennifer Mients
Mary Phillips
Matt Schaefer
Joe Villanonto

Representing:

Opening Presenter
NorthStar Services - NASP
Lancaster County Board of Commissioners
Apace
Nebraska Association of Service Providers
Reg. I Office of Human Dev
Hands of Heartland
Parent Advocate
State Troopers Association of Nebraska
Lincoln Police Union

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Rhonda Lahm

Representing:

Department of Motor Vehicles

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB1092 creates two new alternative license plates, Back the Blue plates and Iconic-Design Plates, to be designed by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Back the Blue plates support law enforcement personnel, with the fees for the plates going to the Back the Blue Cash Fund administered by the Nebraska State Patrol. Iconic-Design plates depict images from license plates that were previously issued by the DMV and are now retired. Fees for those plates will be one hundred dollars and will be directed to the Disabilities Provider Capital and Equipment Maintenance Cash Fund, to be administered by the Department of Health and Human Services and used to support those providing care



to people with developmental disabilities.

Section 1 - Amends section 60-3,163.02 - Creates a new alternate license plate called Back the Blue License Plates. The DMV, along with law enforcement agency in Nebraska, will design a plate representing support for law enforcement personnel. Funds generated from the plates will be directed to the Back the Blue Cash Fund.

Section 1 also creates a new alternate license plate called Iconic-Design License Plates with imagery inspired by plates that were previously issued in Nebraska but have since been retired. There will be two types of these plates, a black-background plate and a white-background plate, both to be designed by the DMV and to be offered by January 1, 2027. The DMV may also design two additional plates, Iconic-Design Option One and Iconic-Design Option Two License Plates, the design of which will be inspired by license plates that were previously issued in Nebraska but have since been retired, to be available at a date designated by the Director of the DMV. The fee for these plates will be one hundred dollars and the fees will be directed to the Developmental Disabilities Provider Capital and Equipment Maintenance Cash Fund.

Section 2 - Creates the Back the Blue Cash Fund, to be administered by the Nebraska State Patrol. The State Patrol may use it to award grants pursuant to section three of this bill. The fund is not to be used to purchase equipment, pay salaries, or pay any cost of the Nebraska State Patrol.

Section 3 - Eligible purposes of the Back the Blue Cash Fund are providing support to injured law enforcement personnel, the spouse of an injured or deceased law enforcement officer, and the child of an injured or deceased law enforcement officer. The fund may also be used to conduct any charitable activity that supports the residents of this state. Qualified applicants may apply to the State Patrol for a grant under this section, defined as any association that represents personnel of any law enforcement agency in Nebraska. Qualified applicants awarded grants are not required to reimburse any money received. The State Patrol must prescribe the application form by January 1, 2027.

Section 4 - Creates the Developmental Disabilities Provider Capital and Equipment Maintenance Cash Fund, to be administered by DHHS. DHHS may award grants pursuant to eligible purposes listed in section 5 of this bill.

Section 5 - Eligible purpose means any upgrade, modernization, renovation, maintenance or new purchase of any transportation fleet used to provide support for people with developmental disabilities, physical infrastructure or safety features, technology and remote-support infrastructure, and facilities to increase capacity or optimize space to support people with developmental disabilities and those providers administering support services to them. Providers means any entity under contract with DHHS to provide specialized or assisted services. By January 1, 2027, DHHS must prescribe the application form for providers to use to apply for grants from the department.

Mike Moser, Chairperson

