

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1133

Hearing Date: Monday February 23, 2026
Committee On: Business and Labor
Introducer: Kauth
One Liner: Provide for payment of claims against the state

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Kauth, Hansen, Ibach, McKinney, Meyer, F., Raybould, Sorrentino

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Kathleen Kauth
Sarah Skinner

Phoebe Lurz
Michael Greenlee

Rea Easton
Regina Shields
Lily Kathee
Nicole Zimmermann

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Nebraska Department of Administrative Services (DAS)
Attorney General's Office
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Nebraska Department of Labor
State Fire Marshal
Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT)
Nebraska Department of Veterans Affairs (NDVA)

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1133 was introduced by Senator Kauth. This is the State Claims Bill. It seeks to appropriate funds from the General Fund and the Workers' Compensation Revolving Fund to pay for claims against the state of Nebraska, as well as writing off debts owed to state agencies.

The Attorney General has reached one state settlement on behalf of the Nebraska Department of Veterans' Affairs in regards to VA disability and dependent benefits owed to Rodney Gerald Hoelscher, totaling \$51,791.88 to be paid out



of the General Fund.

The State Claims Board and the Attorney General have offered one indemnification claim totaling \$354,456.23 to be paid out of the General Fund. This offer comes from the Nebraska State Patrol settling with former Captain Kurt Von Minden who claimed retaliation after Von Minden investigated and disciplined troopers accused of significant criminal activity and unlawful conduct.

The Attorney General has settled five Worker's Compensation Court claims totaling \$882,500.00 to be paid out of the Workers' Compensation Revolving Fund.

A variety of state agencies are seeking to write off certain accounts that have been approved by the State Claims Board, totaling \$2,842,751.13.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 2008 amends LB 1133 to add 3 additional workers' compensation claims that have been settled by the Attorney General. The first is for \$110,000 to Anthony O. Dix, Jr., the second is for \$125,000 to Tina Vaughn, and the third is for \$50,000 to Tiffany Colvin (Mills).

Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

