

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB534

Hearing Date: Monday March 17, 2025
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 Ibach, McKinney, Kauth, Hansen, McKeon, Raybould, Sorrentino
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Thomas Helget, LC for Senator Kathleen Kauth
Sarah Skinner

Phoebe Lurz
Jerry Raehal
Michael Greenlee

Kenneth Lackey
Lily Kathee
Katie Thurber
Teresa Zulauf

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Nebraska Department of Administrative Services (DAS)
Attorney General's Office
Nebraska Press
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT)
Nebraska Department of Labor
Agency 085 Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Systems

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 534 appropriates funds from the General Fund, relevant agencies' Cash Funds, the State Insurance Fund, and the Workers' Compensation Revolving Fund to pay for claims against the state of Nebraska and its agencies.

The Attorney General has reached two state settlements totaling \$482,700.28 to be paid out of the General Fund.



The State Claims Board and the Attorney General have offered three indemnification claims totaling \$432,500 to be paid out of the General Fund.

The Attorney General has settled three Worker's Compensation Court claims totaling \$665,000.00 to be paid out of the Workers' Compensation Revolving Fund.

The State Claims Board and the Attorney General have offered six tort claims totaling \$1,396,627.29 out of the State Insurance Fund.

The Director of Administrative Services has offered no claims at this time.

A variety of state agencies are seeking to write off certain accounts that have been approved by the State Claims Board, totaling \$1,767,570.24.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 1243 adds additional requests for the appropriation of funds from the General Fund, relevant agencies' Cash Funds, the State Insurance Fund, and the Workers' Compensation Revolving Fund to pay for additional claims against the state of Nebraska and its agencies.

The Attorney General has now settled two Line of Duty claims for \$530,932.50 and an additional miscellaneous claim for \$182,058.97, for a total of \$1,195,692.75 out of the General Fund.

The State Claims Board and the Attorney General now offer an additional indemnification claim in the amount of \$395,000, for a total of \$827,500.00 from the General Fund.

The Attorney General have now settled six additional Worker's Compensation Court claims totaling \$595,000, for a total of \$1,260,000 from the Workers' Compensation Revolving Fund.

The State Claims Board and the Attorney General now offer an additional tort claim for a total of \$49,826.83, for a total of \$1,446,454.12 out of the State Insurance Fund.

The Director of Administrative Services continues to offer no claims.

A variety of state agencies are seeking to write off certain accounts that have been approved by the State Claims Board, totaling \$1,767,570.24 and have not offered any new accounts.

Section-by-Section Summary:

Section 1: The Attorney General has reached five state settlements, including two Line of Duty claims, totaling \$1,195,692.75 to be paid out of the General Fund.

Section 2: The State Claims Board and the Attorney General have offered four indemnification claims totaling \$827,500.00 to be paid out of the General Fund.

Section 3: The Attorney General has settled nine Worker's Compensation Court claims totaling \$1,260,000 to be paid out of the Workers' Compensation Revolving Fund.

Section 4: The State Claims Board and the Attorney General have offered seven tort claims totaling \$1,446,454.12



out of the State Insurance Fund.

Section 5: The Director of Administrative Services has offered no claims.

Section 6: The Department of Veterans' Affairs, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Labor, the Department of Environment and Energy, and the Department of Health and Human Services seek to write off certain accounts that have been approved by the State Claims Board, totaling \$1,767,570.24.

Section 7: Declares an emergency.

Date of Hearing on Amendment: April 29, 2025

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Kathleen Kauth as the Opening Presenter
Phoebe Lurz of the Attorney General's Office

Opponents: None

Neutral: None

Kathleen Kauth, Chairperson

