

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 719**

FINAL READING

Introduced by Jacobson, 42.

Read first time January 07, 2026

Committee: Banking, Commerce and Insurance

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Rural Projects Act; to amend
- 2 section 81-12,203, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to redefine
- 3 a term; to repeal the original section; and to declare an emergency.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           **Section 1.** Section 81-12,203, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
2 is amended to read:

3           81-12,203 Project means expenses incurred or to be incurred at one  
4 qualified location for:

5           (1) Site acquisition and preparation, transportation infrastructure,  
6 utility extensions, and rail spur construction for the development of a  
7 new industrial rail access business park, including:

8           (a) Any any such expenses incurred to assist an initial tenant at  
9 such business park that conducts business in the manufacturing,  
10 processing, distribution, or transloading trades; and ~~or~~

11           (b) Infrastructure development costs involving property not owned by  
12 the applicant that directly benefit the business park and are critical to  
13 the business park's development, including, but not limited to,  
14 acquisition of rights-of-way, easements, and adjacent properties allowing  
15 for street access or improvements; construction of turning lanes from  
16 adjacent major highways; construction of rail spurs and drop and pull  
17 rail yards connected to a main railroad line; and necessary utility  
18 improvements critical to serve the business park, including water,  
19 electric, wastewater, storm water, and natural gas infrastructure; or

20           (2) Site acquisition and preparation, transportation infrastructure,  
21 or rail spur construction within thirty miles of the largest artificial  
22 reservoir constructed in this state for the storage of water.

23           **Sec. 2.** Original section 81-12,203, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
24 Nebraska, is repealed.

25           **Sec. 3.** Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when  
26 passed and approved according to law.