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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1231

Introduced by Strommen, 47; Andersen, 49; Dorn, 30; Hardin, 48; Ibach, 44; Jacobson, 42; Lippincott, 34; Lonowski, 33; Sanders, 45; Sorrentino, 39; Storer, 43.

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Committee: Appropriations

1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to funds; to amend sections 81-2,237 and
2 81-1213.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to provide for a
3 transfer of money from the Panhandle Improvement Project Cash Fund
4 to the Animal Damage Control Cash Fund; to state legislative intent;
5 and to repeal the original sections.

6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 **Section 1.** Section 81-2,237, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,
2 is amended to read:

3 81-2,237 (1) There is hereby created the Animal Damage Control Cash
4 Fund. Such fund shall be administered by the Department of Agriculture.
5 The fund shall consist of funds received from any source to carry out the
6 animal damage control program pursuant to section 81-2,236. Any money in
7 the fund available for investment shall be invested by the state
8 investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the
9 Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

10 (2) It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate twenty-six
11 thousand dollars for fiscal year 2026-27 from the Animal Damage Control
12 Cash Fund to the Department of Agriculture to carry out the animal damage
13 control program pursuant to section 81-2,236.

14 **Sec. 2.** Section 81-1213.03, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is
15 amended to read:

16 81-1213.03 (1) The Panhandle Improvement Project Cash Fund is
17 created. The fund shall be administered by the Department of Economic
18 Development. The fund shall consist of funds transferred by the
19 Legislature. Transfers may be made from the Panhandle Improvement Project
20 Cash Fund to the Animal Damage Control Cash Fund at the direction of the
21 Legislature. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be
22 invested by the state investment officer pursuant to the Nebraska Capital
23 Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

24 (2) The fund shall be used for grants for the following purposes:

25 (a) A grant to a county in the third congressional district that
26 owns and operates the county fairgrounds for renovation to the
27 fairgrounds. A grant under this subdivision shall be limited to nine
28 hundred ninety-five thousand dollars; and

29 (b) A grant to a village with a population of less than ten persons
30 for renovation to a community facility that serves the surrounding rural
31 area. A grant under this subdivision shall be limited to five thousand

1 dollars.

2 (3) The Department of Economic Development shall develop criteria
3 for grant applications pursuant to this section.

4 (4) The State Treasurer shall transfer any unobligated money that
5 remains in the Panhandle Improvement Project Cash Fund to the Animal
6 Damage Control Cash Fund as soon as administratively practicable on or
7 after July 31, 2026.

8 **Sec. 3.** Original sections 81-2,237 and 81-1213.03, Reissue Revised
9 Statutes of Nebraska, are repealed.