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LR 300

Service of USDA to perform the assessment. NRCS has developed a budget of \$280,000: \$105,000 of that cost is in the cost of hiring the Natural Resources Ecology Lab to perform actual analysis of the data through the century model; \$105,000 then would be used for hiring a temporary work force to gather data needed for the actual modeling. I want to note that \$50,000 of private commitments have been made to the mapping projects. The Corn Board, Nebraska Corn Board, has committed \$15,000; the Farm Policy Task Force committed \$10,000; the Nebraska Public Power District has committed \$25,000. Additionally, the NRCS has applied for two grants from the Department of Energy of \$20,000 apiece. I'm hopeful that...that...to have news by Select File that NRCS of Nebraska has been awarded \$20,000. Additionally, NRCS budget includes \$80,000 of donated staff time and further offsets the cost. Essentially, we are asking for \$110,000 per year for two years General Funds, and \$80,000 Cash Fund appropriation authority. I would urge the advancement of LB 957A. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Dierks. Discussion on the advancement of LB 957A? Senator Dierks, you're recognized to close. Senator Dierks waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 957A. Those in favor vote aye, those opposed nay. Mr. Clerk, please record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays on the advancement of the A bill, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill is advanced. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Your Committee on Natural Resources reports LR 300 to the full Legislature for further consideration; reports LB 1350, LB 1356, and LB 1394 as indefinitely postponed; and, in addition, offers a confirmation report. Amendments to be printed from Senator Hilgert to LB 175, and Senator Brashear to LB 628. That's all that I have. (Legislative Journal pages 757-760.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Mr. Clerk, LB 1135.

ASSISTANT CLERK: LB 1135 was introduced by the Government