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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1006

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Pansing Brooks, 28.

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Committee: Appropriations

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate federal
- 2 funds to the Department of Economic Development; and to declare an
- 3 emergency.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. (1) The Legislature hereby finds and declares that:

2 (a) The milk processing industry in Nebraska has been adversely
3 impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency;

4 (b) Supply chain disruptions have occurred due to logistical
5 problems getting milk from dairies to processing plants, which caused
6 lower prices in markets and increased prices for consumers;

7 (c) Milk production growth has been stymied due to the insufficient
8 capacity of dairy processing plants in Nebraska;

9 (d) Dairy processing plants with local stakeholders are needed to
10 increase milk production; and

11 (e) Recent price inflation for construction costs make it more
12 difficult to build new dairy processing plants.

13 (2) There is hereby appropriated \$25,000,000 from Federal Funds for
14 FY2022-23 to the Department of Economic Development for the purposes
15 described in subsection (3) of this section. The Federal Funds
16 appropriated in this section are from the funds allocated to the State of
17 Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant
18 to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2,
19 Subtitle M, Sec. 9901.

20 (3)(a) The Department of Economic Development shall provide grants
21 for construction of new dairy processing plants.

22 (b) Any award of a grant pursuant to this section shall be
23 coordinated and administered by the Department of Economic Development in
24 compliance with the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

25 (c) The recipient of a grant pursuant to this section shall only
26 spend the grant in compliance with the federal American Rescue Plan Act
27 of 2021.

28 Sec. 2. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when
29 passed and approved according to law.