

February 26, 2021

TO: NARD Board, NRD Managers and Conservation Partners  
FROM: Dean E. Edson, NARD Executive Director  
RE: February 26 NARD Update

### **The Following Bills Had Hearings This Week**

***LB 166 - Provide for Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Plates, create a fund, and provide powers and duties for Game and Parks. Geist.***

The bill proposes to create the Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Cash Fund under the control of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission for the purpose of providing financial support for the education of persons about water safety in general and specifically for the education of children about staying away from water unless accompanied by an adult.

The commission shall use the Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Cash Fund to award grants to nonprofit organizations that are dedicated to educating children about water safety. The grants shall be used by the recipient organization to support educating persons about water safety in general and specifically for the education of children about water safety.

The program would be funded by Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Plates for motor vehicles.

In addition to all other fees required for registration under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, each application for initial issuance or renewal of alphanumeric Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Plates shall be accompanied by a fee of five dollars. County treasurers collecting fees pursuant to this subdivision shall remit such fees to the State Treasurer. The State Treasurer shall credit five dollars of the fee to the Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Cash Fund.

In addition to all other fees required for registration under the Motor Vehicle Registration Act, each application for initial issuance or renewal of personalized message Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Plates shall be accompanied by a fee of forty dollars. The State Treasurer shall credit twenty-five percent of the fee for initial issuance and renewal of such plates to the Department of Motor Vehicles Cash Fund and seventy-five percent of the fee to the Josh the Otter-Be Safe Around Water Cash Fund.

The fund may also receive gifts, bequests, grants, or other contributions or donations from public or private entities.

*The Transportation Committee accepted testimony on LB 166 on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

Senator Geist opened by noting that drowning is the leading cause of accidental death for children ages 1-4 and that the bill would raise awareness to that issue. She noted the fees raised would go to NGPC to create grant opportunities for non-profits to teach water safety.

### Proponents

Blake Collingsworth testified in support of the bill. Collingsworth founded the Josh the Otter program following the accidental drowning death of his son Joshua in 2008. He noted that drowning is the second leading cause of accidental death in children through age 14. He mentioned the effort is focused on creating awareness and educating children, parents, and caregivers. He noted the Josh the Otter program introduces the topic in a fun and non-scary way.

Kathy Collingsworth, also a founder of the Josh the Otter Foundation, noted they are trying to target and educate children. She told the committee that 18 lives were lost last year to drowning in the state of Nebraska. She provided several examples of the projects funded by the foundation.

There were no opponents and no neutral testers.

Written testimony in support of the bill was submitted by NGPC and Nebraska Children's Hospital. The Nebraska DMV submitted a letter in a neutral capacity.

During closing, Sen. Geist addressed the letter from DMV and told the committee it recommends a minor change to harmonize language in the bill. She expressed that there are close to 250 people already interested in the license plate.

The Committee reported no action on the bill.

### ***LB 26 - Provide a sales tax exemption for residential water service. Wayne.***

The bill proposes to exempt the sale, lease, or rental of and the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of residential water service from state sales and use tax.

### *The Revenue Committee accepted testimony on LB 26 on February 24<sup>th</sup>.*

Opening on the bill, Senator Wayne noted that Nebraska does not impose sales tax on bottled water but taxes tap water and residential service. He commented that people cannot survive without water and it should not be taxed.

### Proponents

Doug Kagan testified in support on behalf of Nebraska Taxpayers for Freedom. He claimed that the exemptions and savings are offered to businesses and noted that it is only fair if residential water service is not taxed.

### Opponents

Jack Cheloha testified in opposition on behalf of the city of Omaha. He noted that the city would lose between \$1.6 million and \$2 million per year in sales tax revenue if the bill were passed. Cheloha further commented that the loss in state revenue would be greater than \$8 million.

Lash Chaffin testified in opposition on behalf of the League of Nebraska Municipalities. He noted that the bill would cut revenue for more than 200 Nebraska cities that impose a local option sales tax. He told the committee the bill would result in increased water rates or in local property taxes to offset the lost revenue.

### Neutral

There was no neutral testimony. Five letters in support of the bill and two in opposition were submitted for the record.

During closing, Sen. Wayne commented that this bill is for the people, arguing residents should not be taxed for water, while exempting bottled water from the tax when purchased at a store.

The Committee reported no action on the bill.

### ***LB 605 - Create the Outdoor Recreation and Education Study Committee of the Legislature. Wishart.***

The bill proposes to create the Outdoor Recreation and Education Study Committee of the Legislature to conduct an evaluation of outdoor recreational and educational opportunities in Nebraska.

The purpose of the committee would be to complete an appraisal of the state's outdoor recreation and education potential and prioritize the following goals:

- (a) Supporting the outdoor recreation economy of Nebraska and working toward equitable and inclusive access to the outdoors,
- (b) creating and developing an inventory of existing public and private resources promoting outdoor recreation and education,
- (c) coordinating outdoor recreation and education policy and management among federal, state, and local governmental entities,
- (d) assisting in promoting and marketing opportunities and events for outdoor recreation and education,
- (e) developing strategies to recruit and grow outdoor recreation businesses, to promote tourism, and to enhance recreation-related employment in Nebraska,
- (f) supporting outdoor and 14 community-based learning opportunities as a standard feature of education,
- (g) promoting education and the use of outdoor recreational assets to enhance public health,
- (i) collecting data on the impact of outdoor recreation and education in the state and the accessibility of natural resources for underserved populations, and
- (j) recommending initiatives to increase access to outdoor recreational amenities and experiences as well as to increase youth time spent outdoors during the school day, before and after school, and during the summer.

The committee should utilize research conducted by the Department of Natural Resources, the State Department of Education, the Nebraska Tourism Commission, the state's natural resources districts, Nebraska postsecondary educational institutions, the Department of Economic Development, additional public and private sector entities experienced in outdoor recreation and education, and any other entity whose research the committee deems useful.

Weighting criteria should first be established in order to identify research needed as well as to establish statewide policy recommendations and identify projects, activities, and programs. To facilitate the creation of criteria to establish priorities, a collaborative effort of experts representing outdoor recreation and education in the state is necessary to ensure a fair and balanced outdoor recreation and education evaluation.

The nine Legislative members would include:

- Two members appointed by the chairperson of the Appropriations Committee.
- Two members appointed by the chairperson of the Education Committee.
- One member appointed by the chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee.
- Two members appointed by the chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee.
- One member appointed by the chairperson of the Agriculture Committee.

- One member appointed by the chairperson of the Urban Affairs Committee.

The members shall be appointed within thirty days after the effective date of this act and shall begin serving immediately following notice of appointment. Members shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson. The Director of Research shall assign an employee of the office of Legislative Research to assist the committee to fulfill its duties. The committee may utilize legal counsel and other staff from existing legislative staff and request additional advisory support from appropriate federal or state agencies and from private entities.

The committee may accept grants, donations, gifts, or contributions from public or private sources to carry out its duties and purpose. The committee may convene in person or virtually to conduct its business as deemed necessary.

The committee shall bring together a diverse group of outdoor recreation and education stakeholders and interests in Nebraska to identify short term and long-term statewide goals to improve outdoor recreation and education in the state.

On or before January 31, 2022, the committee shall develop and provide a report electronically to the Legislature which contains the following: (1) A listing of policies, programs, projects, and activities to meet the goals described in act, (2) research, data, and modeling needed to assist the state in meeting such goals, and (3) recommendations for the prioritization of policies, programs, projects, and activities to be funded.

*The Executive Board accepted testimony on LB 605 on February 24<sup>th</sup>.*

Opening on the bill, Senator Wishart outlined the bill and addressed the need to expand opportunities for all residents to have access to the outdoors. One issue she emphasized is kayaking and public access points to the river. She also mentioned a potential amendment that would add NGPC to the list the committee should utilize for research.

### *Proponents*

Dustin Allemann testified in support on behalf of the Nebraska Sportsmen Association. His testimony noted they want more access to private lands. He commented that the bill provides an opportunity to connect landowners with hunters.

NARD provided testimony in support of the bill. All 23 natural resources districts are involved with a variety of projects and programs to educate both youth and adults about conservation and natural resources. Many districts sponsor or participate in natural resources festivals, teacher workshops, classroom presentations, and more. Here are some highlights:

- More than 80 recreational sites across the state. These incorporate recreational opportunities with our multi-purpose flood control structures, such as camping, fishing and hiking. There are also over 200 miles of recreational trails operated and maintained by NRDs.
- Environmental education programs for youth including, but not limited to, Outdoor Education Days coordinated with local schools, range and land judging competitions, and FFA environmental sciences programs.
- Several districts have incorporated outdoor education facilities at, or adjacent to, their local offices. These include the Lower Loup, Lower Platte South, Lower Platte North, Lower Republican, Middle Niobrara, North Platte and Papio Missouri River NRDs. These are open to the public and are used by local schools, civic groups and the general public.

- We also work with communities to improve recreational and outdoor education opportunities for residents. This helps retain and recruit work forces to communities. A recent example is the Lower Elkhorn NRD partnering with the City of Norfolk to redevelop the downtown area and incorporate outdoor recreation and education components into the project.

We are willing to work with the Legislature on a comprehensive study to identify short-term and long-term statewide goals to improve outdoor recreation and education in the state.

Bill Haikins testified as an individual outdoorsman. He commented on the need to educate urban youth about the outdoors and how to interact and engage with rural landowners.

Letters of support were submitted by the Nebraska Travel Association, Sierra Club, Nebraska Golf Association, Lincoln Parks and Recreation.

There was no neutral or opposition testimony. The Executive Board reported no action on the bill.

### ***LB 212 - Prohibit charging members of the Legislature fees for public record requests. Cavanaugh, M.***

The bill proposes that no fee shall be charged for public records requests for a request made by a member of the Legislature in the member's official capacity.

If the request was made by a member of the Legislature in the member's official capacity, the entire request shall be fulfilled within 15 business days after the member's response to the custodian's written explanation unless the member negotiates with the custodian to narrow or simplify the request, withdraws the request, or agrees to a longer period of time.

The existing 10 business-day time frame would remain for other requests.

#### *The Executive Board accepted testimony on LB 212 on February 25<sup>th</sup>.*

Opening on the bill, Sen. Cavanaugh noted it's hard for legislators to do their job while being charged these fees. She offered an amendment and told the committee that the bill has bipartisan support.

#### *Proponents*

There was no proponent testimony.

#### *Opponents*

There was no opponent testimony, however three position letters in opposition were submitted for the record by the Nebraska County Attorneys, Nebraska Public Power District and OPPD.

#### *Neutral*

Amara Block, General Counsel for Dept. of Admin Services, testified in a neutral capacity. Block provided an overview of how timing for public records requests work currently, she expressed concern over the 15-day time requirement and provided an example of how a 3,000-page record requests can take much more than 15 days. She also addressed the language requiring legislators not be charged for their request, noting they've never charged a senator or other individual for a public record request.

A letter in the neutral capacity was submitted by NACO.

During closing, Sen. Cavanaugh noted that she felt the proposed amendment would address the opposition letters. She commented that while she hasn't been charged fees, she wants to ensure that fees aren't ever charged.

***The Appropriations Committee held hearings for the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and Nebraska Game and Parks. (See spreadsheet on the next page for proposed funding summaries) on February 26<sup>th</sup>.***

Agency 29 – Department of Natural Resources

Director Riley testified in support on behalf of the Department. He noted he fully supports the Governor's recommendation and the committee's preliminary recommendation. He noted that program 334 contains the department's operation budget and that the Governor's recommendation includes a less than 2% increase in each FY - Excluding a one-time appropriation for \$225,000 to support development of the flood mitigation plan.

Director Riley commented that the agency works closely with the Natural Resource Commission on managing cash fund appropriations and he provided an overview of projects funded by the Water Sustainability Fund (WSF). He commented that the department supports the \$475K transfer from the WSF to the cash fund to support maintenance and study of the South Platte river. Director Riley noted that the one-time \$3.8 million appropriation does not need additional funding, but noted it is critical that the existing balance be re-appropriated to support continued work.

Sen. Stinner asked about the fund balance of the \$3.8 million transfer. Director Riley noted that approx. \$2.3 million is unexpended, and that most of the work has been completed and they're working to accelerate the reimbursement process.

Sen. Wishart noted that they have been briefed by the Attorney General's office about water litigation, and asked if the Department works closely with the AG office, and if so does the Department have the resources to support that? Director Riley noted that the department works closely with the AG's office and that it is the responsibility of the department to look upstream and protect our resources, further noting that at this point with what is requested the department can support those efforts. Sen. Stinner commented that it is important to monitor and respond to anything Colorado does on the South Platte.

There was no opposition or neutral testimony, and no letters were submitted for the record.

Agency 84 – Department of Environment and Energy

Director Macy testified in support on behalf of the Department. He noted the recommendation includes salary and health insurance increases of less than 1% over the current base appropriation. He commented that he supports the Governor's proposed budget and the committee's proposed budget, with one exception - He noted the committee didn't include health insurance increases for program 106 and encouraged that be included. Sen. Stinner noted that was likely just an oversight.

Sen. Wishart requested that Director Macy provide the committee a brief on the situation with the AltEn plant at Mead. Director Macy referenced the February 25<sup>th</sup> briefing with the Natural Resources Committee. He commented that they have been on site since the emergency happened, and that they brought in a contractor and EPA to assist. Macy noted that the spill is contained, and active remediation is occurring with progress, mentioning they are toward the end of emergency phase of cleanup, telling the committee he anticipates we're days, or a week or two from seeing the finality on the emergency part of it. He told the committee the facility has March 1<sup>st</sup> date to clean up the wet-cake.

Sen. Wishart commented that she has heard the leakage went 30 feet down and asked how that was being addressed. Macy noted that's not part of the cleanup going on now and that the emergency situation is

different from long standing compliance efforts of the agency in this case. He commented that according to their current groundwater results, one well had an indication of groundwater impacts. He noted that he can't yet report results of testing going on right now, telling the committee as soon as they get results they'll let them know. He further commented that the one well that showed contamination was not significant, so they're going to go look into it further and report back.

The committee asked further questions about the cost of cleanup and dealing with the situation moving forward. Macy noted there is about 100,000 tons of wet-cake and a lot of water in lagoons that needs mitigated, but noted that's the facilities job, commenting that when the facility gives them a plan he'll know more.

Sen. Wishart asked who is responsible if people's health is impacted, the company or the state? Macy commented that it is the company's responsibility, but commented they're getting into confidentiality and that he can't go further.

The committee further asked Macy if the department has the staff funding to address the situation, or can the committee anticipate a deficit request. Director Macy commented that we're in emergency stage, and he doesn't want to ask for something they haven't evaluated, noting they need to see what tools they have to fit the situation, but at this point there is no additional request for support and that he will be able to talk more about it later on.

A letter in support was submitted for the record by the League of Women Voters.

There was no opponent or neutral testimony.

#### Agency 33 – Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Director Douglas testified in support on behalf of the Commission. He commented that a majority of budget request was dedicated to state-approved wage and insurance adjustments. He noted there is some increase for increased campground capacity and upgrades, as well as additional staff at Lake McConaughy. He requested the committee give further consideration for agency capital request for program acquisition and management of wildlife areas. The purpose of the request is not for acquisitions, but is focused on capital development for improvements, including fencing projects and construction of a couple of wells.

During questioning Sen. Erdman had several questions and comments to make about NGPC management. Those comments were not limited to an audit report for tracking of capital improvements, revenue sources and use of program 336, pheasant populations, mountain lion populations, and lengthy discussion over increasing elk populations.

Tanya Storer, Chair of the Niobrara Council, testified in support on behalf of the Council. Storer provided the committee with a detailed overview of the role of the Council and walked through the funding mechanisms for the council. She commented that money received from federal sources is restricted and that the state appropriation is utilized for administrative costs.

There were no additional proponents, and no opposition or neutral testimony was provided.

#### ***LB 449 - Appropriate funds to the Department of Environment and Energy. Wishart.***

The bill proposes to appropriate \$100,000 annually from the General Fund for FY2021-22 and FY2022-23, to the Department of Environment and Energy, for the Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program, to aid in carrying out energy efficiency audits and weatherization improvements.

The Appropriations Committee accepted testimony on LB 449 on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Senator Wishart opened by noting the bill would assist households below 200% of federal poverty level to increase energy savings by implementing weatherizing improvements.

### Proponents

Britton Gable testified in support on behalf of OPPD and the Nebraska Power Association. He noted OPPD offers cost-assistance programs, but those programs don't address long-term problem. He commented that weatherization improvements can decrease energy costs by up to 25%. He provided an example of a pilot program in partnership with Habitat for Humanity that was completed on 62 homes providing an average annual savings of \$232 per home. He noted that 356 other properties have been done with other funding sources, but there is a long waiting list for projects. He clarified that the OPPD program is for owner-occupied homes, NDEE program can serve some renter occupied homes, but there are federal regulations that NDEE must deal with.

Gable pointed out the \$100,000 in state funds under the proposal would be added to the \$2.6 million in Federal funding provided to NDEE for the weatherization program.

Tracie McPherson testified in support on behalf of Habitat for Humanity of Omaha. She told the committee Habitat for Humanity for Omaha weatherizes on average 116 homes in Douglas county each year. Weatherization of homes helps reduce the energy burden on families by roughly 18%. She commented that weatherization also mitigates deterioration of homes. Tracie provided an example of a current client that has been heating her house with a wood burning stove, noting that in two weeks she will have an energy efficient furnace.

Ashley Frevert testified in support on behalf of Community Action of Nebraska. She noted they use advanced computer software to determine most efficient projects to implement to improve weatherization. She noted they weatherized 356 homes for \$134,000 in annual savings. With the average cost of \$7,500 per home. During questioning, Sen. Hilkeman commented that at an average cost of \$7,500, they're looking at nearly 50-year return on investment.

Letters of support were provided by Nebraska Interfaith Power and Light, Nebraska Sierra Club, and Audubon Society.

There was no opposition or neutral testimony. A letter was submitted by one individual in a neutral capacity.

During closing, Sen. Wishart noted that federal funds are exhausted and there is a waiting list to get funded. She addressed Sen. Hilkeman comments and noted that while there may not be a lot of short-term financial return on investment, it is an investment to improve the lives of people of the state.

The Committee reported no action on the bill.

## **Hearings Continue Next Week**

**Hearing Protocols** - Legislative hearings continue next week and the Legislature continues to utilize new protocols for testifiers and submitting testimony. Here is a summary:

- Hearings will run all day, rather than just afternoons. There will be a morning session from 9:30-noon and a second session starting at 1:30 pm.
- In person testimony is generally limited to 5 minutes, although the chair of each committee has discretion to modify that time limit.



- In lieu of in-person testimony, written testimony for the hearing record must follow these new guidelines:

1. Submission of written testimony will only be accepted between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. in the respective hearing room where the bill will be heard later that day.
2. Individuals must present their written testimony in person during this time frame and sign the submitted written testimony record at the time of submission on the day of the hearing on the bill.
3. The testifier must submit 12 copies. Failure to submit the required number of copies will result in the treatment of the submission as a position letter and not written testimony.
4. The written testimony must be a written statement that is no longer than 2 single-spaced, typed pages or 4 double-spaced, typed pages in length.
5. Only the written testimony from the person delivering the testimony will be accepted. No handouts, testimony, or letters from other individuals may be included outside of an individual's written testimony.
6. Written testimony will be handed out to each member of the committee during the hearing and made available as part of the hearing transcript when the transcript is made public.

Failure to meet all of these procedures for submitted written testimony will result in the person providing the testimony to not be listed on the committee statement as a written testifier, however, the testimony will be included in the official hearing record as an exhibit.

- If you are not testifying in person on a bill or resolution, or submitting written testimony in person on a bill, but would like to submit a position letter to be included in the official hearing record as an exhibit, you must deliver your letter to the office of the committee chair or email it to the committee's email account by noon, CST on the last work day prior to the public hearing.

A list of the committee email accounts can be found at:

<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/committees/committee-emails.php>.

- In order to facilitate public input on legislation, a new feature has been added to the Nebraska Legislature's website for submission of written statements on pending legislation at any stage of the process.

To access this feature, use the Legislatures bill search feature and enter the bill you are interested in. Once the information for the bill comes up, there is a tab just below "History" labeled "Submit Written Statement for LB ...". Just click on that and you can submit up to 300 words.

These submissions will not be considered testimony or part of the public hearing record, but the submitted statements will be available on the UniNet for access by senators and staff throughout the session. Please note, there should be no expectation of privacy regarding comments submitted in this format. If a citizen uses the database to submit his or her views prior to the public hearing on a bill or resolution, this option will allow input to the members of the committee prior to any committee votes.

A full description of the public hearing process can be found at:  
<https://nebraskalegislature.gov/committees/public-input.php>

### **Hearing Schedule – March 1-5, 2021**

#### **Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

##### **Retirement Committee – Room 1525 – 12:00 PM**

***LB 209 - Change provisions relating to treatment of deferred compensation by certain political subdivisions, state agencies, and the Public Employees Retirement Board. McDonnell.***

The bill clarifies that Roth IRA contribution amounts, as part of a deferred compensation package, are to be included in the computation of federal or state taxes withheld on behalf of public employees.

##### **Government Committee – Room 1507 – 1:30 PM**

***LB 29 - Replace Arbor Day with Juneteenth as a state holiday. Wayne.***

The bill eliminates Arbor Day, the last Friday in April as a state holiday and replaces it with a new state holiday called “Juneteenth” which is also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Liberation Day, and Emancipation Day, on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

		Governor Proposed LB's 380 & 384		Change From FY 20-21 Baseline	Change From FY 20-21 Baseline
<b>Agency 84 - Department Environment &amp; Energy</b>		<b>FY 21-22</b>	<b>FY 22-23</b>	<b>FY 21-22</b>	<b>FY 22-23</b>
Program 513, 586, 587, 588 - NDEQ	General Fund	\$ 3,754,047	\$ 3,778,641	\$ 37,303	\$ 61,897
	Cash Fund	\$ 36,918,970	\$ 37,023,644	\$ 167,863	\$ 272,537
	Federal Fund est.	\$ 17,304,737	\$ 17,415,411	\$ 167,863	\$ 278,537
	Program Total	\$ 57,977,754	\$ 58,223,696	\$ 373,029	\$ 618,971
	Salary Limit	\$ 13,769,558	\$ 13,918,726	\$ 262,021	\$ 411,189
Program 523 - Wastewater Loan Fund	Cash Fund	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ -	\$ -
	Federal Fund est.	\$ 6,940,000	\$ 6,940,000	\$ -	\$ -
	Program Total	\$ 7,540,000	\$ 7,540,000	\$ -	\$ -
Program 528 - Drinking Water Facilities Loan Fund	Cash Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Federal Fund est.	\$ 8,500,000	\$ 8,500,000	\$ -	\$ -
	Program Total	\$ 8,500,000	\$ 8,500,000	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Agency 33 - Game &amp; Parks Commission</b>		<b>FY 21-22</b>	<b>FY 22-23</b>	<b>FY 21-22</b>	<b>FY 22-23</b>
Program 162 - Environmental Trust	Cash Fund	\$ 20,675,791	\$ 21,182,401	\$ 8,204	\$ 514,814
	Program Total	\$ 20,675,791	\$ 21,182,401	\$ 8,204	\$ 514,814
	Salary Limit	\$ 291,891	\$ 295,908	\$ 5,467	\$ 9,484
Program 330 - Habitat Development	Cash Fund	\$ 7,590,995	\$ 7,625,097	\$ (60,454)	\$ (26,352)
	Federal Fund est.	\$ 3,901,998	\$ 3,903,350	\$ (2,118)	\$ (766)
	Program Total	\$ 11,492,993	\$ 11,528,447	\$ (62,572)	\$ (27,118)
	Salary Limit	\$ 1,607,238	\$ 1,628,840	\$ 51,501	\$ 73,103
Program 336 - Wildlife Conservation	General Fund	\$ 1,817,493	\$ 1,849,409	\$ 391,869	\$ 423,785
	Cash Fund	\$ 27,043,836	\$ 27,430,888	\$ 1,013,665	\$ 1,400,717
	Federal Fund est.	\$ 4,225,405	\$ 42,430,900	\$ 453,252	\$ 38,658,747
	Program Total	\$ 33,086,734	\$ 33,523,387	\$ 1,858,786	\$ 2,295,439
	Salary Limit	\$ 16,025,594	\$ 16,295,845	\$ 1,074,298	\$ 1,344,549
Program 338* - Niobrara Council	General Fund	\$ 42,011	\$ 42,011	\$ -	\$ -
	Cash Fund	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ -
	Federal Fund est.	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ -	\$ -
	Program Total	\$ 168,011	\$ 168,011	\$ -	\$ -
The unexpended Cash Fund appropriation balance existing on June 30, 2021, is hereby reappropriated.					
Program 550 - Planning & Trails Coordination	General Fund	\$ 494,211	\$ 502,047	\$ 4,795	\$ 12,631
	Cash Fund	\$ 1,166,192	\$ 1,181,201	\$ 22,468	\$ 37,477
	Federal Fund est.	\$ 109,414	\$ 110,298	\$ 1,503	\$ 2,387
	Program Total	\$ 1,769,817	\$ 1,793,546	\$ 28,766	\$ 52,495
	Salary Limit	\$ 969,998	\$ 983,382	\$ 24,151	\$ 37,535
The amount expended for development & maintenance of boundary fences along the Cowboy Trail limited to \$64,000 each FY					
<b>Agency 29 - Department of Natural Resources</b>		<b>FY 21-22</b>	<b>FY 22-23</b>	<b>FY 21-22</b>	<b>FY 22-23</b>
Program 303 - Small Watersheds	Cash Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Program Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
*Program 304 - Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Fund	General Fund	\$ 1,806,112	\$ 1,806,112	\$ -	\$ -
	Cash Fund	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -
	Program Total	\$ 1,856,112	\$ 1,856,112	\$ -	\$ -
The unexpended General Fund appropriation balance existing on June 30, 2021, is reappropriated.					
*Program 306 - Water Well Decommissioning	Cash Fund	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ -	\$ -
	Program Total	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000	\$ -	\$ -
The unexpended Cash Fund appropriation balance existing on June 30, 2021, is reappropriated.					
*Program 307 - Nebraska Resources Development Fund	General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Cash Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Program Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
The unexpended General Fund & Cash Fund appropriation balances existing on June 30, 2021, are reappropriated.					
*Program 309 - Natural Resources Water Quality Fund	Cash Fund	\$ 1,187,500	\$ 1,187,500	\$ -	\$ -
	Program Total	\$ 1,187,500	\$ 1,187,500	\$ -	\$ -
The unexpended Cash Fund appropriation balance existing on June 30, 2021, is reappropriated.					
*Program 313 - Water Sustainability Fund	Cash Fund	\$ 10,865,033	\$ 10,865,033	\$ -	\$ -
	LB 384 Transfer	\$ 11,000,000	\$ 11,000,000	\$ -	\$ -
The unexpended Cash Fund appropriation balance existing on June 30, 2021, is reappropriated.					
*Program 314 - Critical Infrastructure Facilities -- The unexpended Cash Fund appropriation balance existing on June 30, 2021 is reappropriated.					
Water Resources Cash Fund				\$ -	\$ -
	LB 384 Transfer in	\$ 3,300,000	\$ 3,300,000	\$ -	\$ -
**Program 334 - Soil & Water Conservation (General Operations)	General Fund	\$ 11,017,548	\$ 10,971,400	\$ 481,098	\$ 434,950
	Cash Fund	\$ 7,784,340	\$ 7,788,195	\$ 358,596	\$ 362,451
	Federal Fund est.	\$ 839,193	\$ 845,188	\$ 36,122	\$ 42,117
	Program Total	\$ 19,641,081	\$ 19,604,783	\$ 875,816	\$ 839,518
	Salary Limit	\$ 7,066,469	\$ 7,162,623	\$ 210,329	\$ 306,483
<b>Agency 51 - University of Nebraska</b>		<b>FY 21-22</b>	<b>FY 22-23</b>	<b>FY 21-22</b>	<b>FY 22-23</b>
Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute	General Fund	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	\$ -
				\$ -	\$ -