

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB98**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday February 01, 2011  
**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Introducer:** Fischer  
**One Liner:** Provide powers relating to federal-aid transportation funds

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Campbell, Dubas, Fischer, Hadley, Janssen, Lautenbaugh,  
Louden, Price

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**

Senator Deb Fischer  
Larry Dix  
Gary Krumland  
Don Wesely  
Joe Kohout  
Dacia Kruse  
Jackie McCullough  
Karl Fredrickson  
Curt Smith

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Association of County Officials  
League of Nebraska Municipalities  
City of Hastings  
United Cities of Sarpy County  
Greater Omaha Chamber  
American Council of Engineering Companies Nebraska  
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce  
Nebraska Chapter Associated General Contractors

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

Monty Fredrickson

**Representing:**

Nebraska Department of Roads

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 98 authorizes the Department of Roads to implement a federal buyback program with local governments.

The bill amends Sec. 39-1307 to authorize DOR, on behalf of the state, to enter into an agreement with a political subdivision to purchase the entity's federal-aid transportation funds. The funds may be purchased at a discount rate at the discretion of DOR.

Any funds purchased must be used for the construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and repair of an entity's highways, streets, roads, or bridges and facilities, appurtenances, and structures.

The local government is responsible for providing proof that the funds were used for such purpose. Such proof shall be determined by DOR.

The bill also amends Sec. 66-4,100 to authorize funds in the Highway Cash Fund or Roads Operation Cash Fund to be

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used for the buyback program.

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Deb Fischer, Chairperson