

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2024
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1030

Hearing Date: Monday February 05, 2024
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Bostelman
One Liner: Change provisions of the County Bridge Match Program and provide for a transfer of funds from the Roads Operations Cash Fund

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Bosn, Bostelman, Brandt, Cavanaugh, M., DeBoer, DeKay, Fredrickson, Moser
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Bruce Bostelman
Khalil Jaber
Pam Dingman

Emily Haxby
Scott Huppert
Tyler Chicoine

Opponents:

Neutral:

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Nebraska Department of Transportation
Lancaster County, Lancaster County Engineering Department, Nebraska Association of County Officials
Self
Association of County Hwy Superintendents
Nebraska Association of General Contractors

Representing:

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* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Section 1-Amends section 39-2805- County Bridge Match Program.
The County Bridge Match Act was created in 2016 and authorized \$40 million (the original legislation authorized up to \$40 million, in 2023 the section was amended to earmark \$40 million for the program) from the Transportation Infrastructure Bank Fund. The program is to promote innovative solutions and to accelerate the repair and replacement of deficient county road bridges. This section has a termination date of June 30, 2029.
Language is stricken that directs the Department of Transportation (DOT) to develop the



program, create matching fund requirements, and consult with counties.

A new subsection (2) is proposed that establishes a working group consisting of two officials appointed by the Governor representing counties and three representatives designated by the Director of Transportation. The working group will develop the program, including participation criteria and match requirements. The group will score applications and make awards. Meetings of the working group are deemed to not be a meeting for purposes of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

Section 2- Amends section 66- 4,100- Highway Cash Fund- Roads Operation Cash Fund, Creation.

This section lists the purposes for which the DOT may expend from the Highway Cash Fund and the Roads Operation Cash Fund. A new expenditure option is added, the County Bridge Match Program.

Directs the transfer of \$4 million from the Roads Operations Cash Fund to the Transportation Infrastructure Bank Fund for purposes of the County Bridge Match program by June 30, 2024, with an additional transfer of \$4 million by June 30, 2025.

Adds the Emergency Clause.

Mike Moser, Chairperson

