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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1277

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Morfeld, 46; Pansing Brooks, 28.

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Committee:

- 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 COVID-19 public health emergency caused a significant
3 reduction in travel and public gatherings and negatively impacted the
4 tourism, travel, and hospitality industries; and

5 (b) It is the policy of this state to respond to harmful economic
6 disruptions resulting from the COVID-19 public health emergency by (i)
7 providing aid to facilities that provide significant tourism and visitor
8 opportunities for Nebraska, (ii) increasing education, innovation, and
9 entrepreneurship opportunities in the agricultural industry, and (iii)
10 investing in infrastructure projects that expand the economic benefits of
11 significant tourism and visitor attractions.

12 (2) There is hereby appropriated \$7,000,000 from Federal Funds for
13 FY2022-23 to the Department of Economic Development for the purpose of
14 providing the funds to a county agricultural society with facilities
15 within a city of the primary class. Such funds shall be used for critical
16 upgrades. The Federal Funds appropriated in this section are from the
17 funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus
18 State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan
19 Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, Subtitle M, Sec. 9901.

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