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LB809 - Nebraska Advantage Rural Development Act – (Murman)

Sunsets 2027 - L1-L2: Currently the program is funded at 1 million per year.

We would like to increase the funding to this program to \$10 million for the next 4 years to equal \$40 million. Reminder, this program is not just for livestock facilities but for all businesses in rural Nebraska. Currently livestock facilities are not eligible for state business incentives outside of this program. This program would help us recruit dairy farms to NE.

Qualifications for L1: at least 2 FTE- \$16.03 wage requirements, Investment of at least \$125,000 in a County with population less than 15,000

Qualifications for L2: 5 FTE - \$16.03 wage requirement, Investment of at least \$250,000 in a County with population less than 25,000 to 15,000

LB564 - Change Provisions of the DOT Economic Opportunity Program – (Dorn)

Transportation innovation Act (2017)- \$20M Sunset 2033

DOT has budgeted \$1-1.5 M per year for projects \$4M has been expended to date with another \$2.5 M committed to approved projects

Increase funding by \$20M to \$40M total with the same sunset date of 2033

We included language that includes livestock production and processing as potential qualifying projects and doubled the annual funding to \$4M per year.

(Ag Committee Prioritized)- LB116 – Change Provisions of the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act – (Brandt)

Support Sen. Brandt's proposed changes in his bill. Remove retirement from net worth calculation, remove minimum acreage requirement, increase net-worth calculation to \$1Million.

(Ag Committee Prioritized)- General File- LB442 – State intent to transfer funds to the Livestock Growth Act Cash Fund- "Livestock Friendly County" (Albright) \$0 of funding currently

When the program was established there was a fund developed to help administer grants to participating livestock friendly counties. The Department of Agriculture has the ability to develop parameters that counties can chose to abide by to become eligible for the funding.

Recommending allocating \$2Mil per year to the program to set up grants for qualifying counties. If all counties (51 LFC) were to achieve a \$25,000 grant that would be close to the \$2m funding level with some left over to incentivize other counties to participate. Funding could be used to help them update zoning regulations, improve their websites, incorporate GIS technology and other programs to help livestock facilities grow within their county.

Dept of Ag would lead the development of parameters for counties to abide by and scoring metrics.