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LEGISLATIVE MEMORANDUM

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RE: ARPA Bills

As per your request, this is a memorandum breaking down what has been included in the Appropriations Committee's preliminary ARPA recommendation. The following memo is broken down along the same categories as the spreadsheet from the Committee.

Public Health Response

- **LB1014 (Speaker Hilgers on Behalf of the Governor) Appropriate Federal Funds allocated to the State of Nebraska pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021**
 - **Summary:** This bill describes in detail where the funds that were allocated to Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund are being appropriated for FY 2021-22 and FY2022-23. The bill recommends an appropriation of the entire \$1.04B state allocation of ARPA funds. Each Appropriation recommendation in the bill qualifies under one or more of the federally authorized use categories.
 - **Replace Aging Rural Ambulances:** The recommendation includes \$35M in FY 2022-23 to assist rural communities to replace aging ambulances. Many ambulances in rural areas have reached the end of their useful life and are in significant need of replacement. This funding will ensure that essential equipment is provided in rural communities to support necessary public health services.
 - Governor's Recommendation: \$35M in FY22-23
 - Committee Recommendation: \$20M in FY 22-23
 - **Child Welfare case counts and provider ambulances:** The recommendation includes \$25M in FY 2022-23 for child welfare aid to assist in managing escalated costs in this program related to increased case counts and provide temporary provider rate increases. Child welfare case counts have spiked substantially across the country and have continued throughout the pandemic. Funding will be provided to ensure services are provided to youth in the care of the state.
 - Governor's Recommendation: \$25M in FY 22-23

- Committee Recommendation: \$10M in FY21-22 & \$15M in FY 22-23
 - **Rural health complex:** The recommendation includes \$10M in FY 2021-22 for a joint University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) and University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) Rural Health Complex to be located on the UNK campus. The complex will be located adjacent to UNK’s Health Education Complex and will provide much-needed space to expand education and development to healthcare providers in rural Nebraska. The project is expected to cost \$85M and will be funded primarily by private funds with ARPA funding provided upon receipt of the remaining total estimated project cost.
 - Governor's Recommendation: \$85M in FY 22-23
 - Committee Recommendation: \$10M in FY21-22 & \$50M in FY22-23
 - **Healthcare Facility Capacity Expansion:** The recommendation includes \$20M in FY 2021-22 and an additional \$20M in FY 2022-23 for healthcare facility construction grants. An allocation of \$20M is provided to build capacity for pediatric mental health care, \$10M is allocated to build capacity for mental health care, and \$10M is allocated to build capacity for adolescent mental health development day school to serve those impacted by the pandemic.
 - Governor's Recommendation: \$20M in FY21-22 & \$20M in FY 22-23
 - Committee Recommendation: \$10M in FY21-22 & \$10M in FY22-23
- **LB760 (Dorn) Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for grants to licensed emergency medical services programs**
 - **Summary:** This bill would appropriate \$5M from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund allocated to the State of Nebraska to the Department of Health and Human Services to provide grants to licensed emergency medical services for the one-time purchase of life-saving equipment. Priority in awarding the grants will be given to an emergency medical services program that is volunteer-based, located in a community with a population of less than one hundred thousand inhabitants, and has high needs.
 - **DHHS, grants to emergency medical services programs**
 - Dorn Recommendation: \$5M in FY 22-23
 - Committee Recommendation: \$5M in FY 22-23
- **LB1075 (Stinner) Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for technology that will support statewide pediatric mental health services**
 - **Summary:** This bill would appropriate \$1.8M for FY 2022-23 from the funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services for them to provide funding for any pediatric trauma center in Nebraska to purchase technology that will support statewide pediatric mental health services through telehealth and telemonitoring.
 - **DHHS, pediatric mental health services technology.**
 - Stinner Recommendation: \$1.8M in FY22-23

- Committee Recommendation: \$1.8M in FY22-23
- **LB1100 (Bostelman) Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for a feasibility study relating to nuclear reactors**
 - **Summary:** The Legislature hereby finds and declares that health-outcome disparities arose from the COVID-19 public health emergency and to limit such disparities, the production of clean, zero-carbon energy through the use of advanced nuclear technology would be beneficial to public health. This bill would appropriate \$1M from Federal Funds for FY 2022-23 to the Department of Economic Development. In order to comply with the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, these funds appropriated should only be used by a political subdivision that owns or operates a nuclear plant in Nebraska. Such subdivision should use the funds to conduct a feasibility study to assess siting options for new advanced nuclear reactors throughout Nebraska and existing electric generation facilities based on key compatibility assets for such advanced nuclear reactors.
 - **DED, feasibility study relating to nuclear reactors.**
 - Bostelman Recommendation: \$1M in FY 22-23
 - Committee Recommendation: \$1M in FY 22-23
- **LB1138 (Vargas) Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for local public health departments**
 - **Summary:** This bill would appropriate \$16M from Federal Funds for FY 2022-23 to the Department of Health and Human Services, for Program 502, for purposes of distributing such funds to local public health departments in the following manner: \$10M distributed evenly to local public health departments for one-time infrastructure needs and any other costs, including testing, personal protective equipment, and other preventive measures, to combat the COVID-19 virus and any of its mutations; and \$6M distributed proportionately to local public health departments based on the number of individuals employed at each local public health department for premium payments to such individuals.
 - **DHHS, funds for local public health departments.**
 - Vargas Recommendation: \$16,086,306M in FY 22-23
 - Committee Recommendation: \$10M in FY22-23
- **LB1159 (Wishart) Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for a model system of care**
 - **Summary:** This bill would appropriate \$5M from Federal Funds for FY 2022-23 to the Department of Health and Human Services, for Program 514. There is included in the appropriation to this program \$5M Federal Funds for state aid. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate an additional \$2M from Federal Funds each year for FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 to aid in carrying out the purpose of this section. The unexpended balance existing on June 30, 2023, is hereby reappropriated. The purpose of this appropriation is for the department to establish a grant program for a model system of care for individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 with persistent symptoms. The one-time grant shall be awarded to a rehabilitation hospital with the capacity to provide interdisciplinary research. All funds awarded under the grant shall be expended in total no later than December 31, 2026. The model system of care will be a comprehensive program to address persistent COVID-19 symptoms and include post-COVID research and clinics, mental health services expanded to address cognitive and

psychiatric needs of post-COVID-19 patients, and educational materials for health care providers and the public.

■ **DHHS, for a model system of care.**

- Wishart Recommendation: \$5M in FY 22-23
- Committee Recommendation: \$5M in FY 22-23

Negative Economic Impacts

● **LB1014 (Speaker Hilgers at the request of the Governor) Appropriate Federal Funds allocated to the State of Nebraska pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021**

- **Summary:** This bill describes in detail where the funds that were allocated to Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund are being appropriated for FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23. The bill recommends an appropriation of the entire \$1.04B state allocation of ARPA funds. Each appropriation recommendation in the bill qualifies under one or more of the federally authorized use categories.
 - **Small and Medium meat processors:** The recommendation includes \$10M in FY 2021-22 to assist small and medium meat processors across the state and to conduct a dairy industry study. Meat processor assistance will be used to upgrade equipment and facilities to accommodate increased demand for processing. Throughout the pandemic, supply chain issues affected small and medium meatpacking plants when larger meatpacking plants closed. Included in the recommendation is \$125,000 for a dairy industry study.
 - Governor's Recommendation: \$10M in FY22-23 and \$125,000 for a feasibility study.
 - Committee Recommendation: \$10M in FY22-23 and \$125,000 for a feasibility study.
 - **Community college: workforce development:** The recommendation includes \$40M in FY 2021-22 and an additional \$50M in FY 2022-23 to the six community college areas for various projects to strengthen and grow a post-pandemic skilled workforce. This funding will provide up to \$15M to each community college and substantially increase their ability to train the next workforce of Nebraska. The state currently has a 1.8 percent unemployment rate and needs highly skilled workers, particularly in the healthcare, agricultural, HVAC, CDL, and construction industries. This funding will provide for the acquisition, construction, and upgrades of several educational institutions across the state to upskill and reskill the population, especially in low-income, underserved, and disproportionately impacted communities. The community colleges will utilize the funding to expand facilities and equipment to provide an education in these high-demand fields.
 - Governor's Recommendation: \$40M in FY21-22 & \$50M in FY22-23
 - Committee Recommendation: \$25M in FY21-22 & \$35M in FY22-23
 - **Shovel-ready capital projects:** The recommendation includes \$50M for FY 2021-22 and an additional \$50M in FY 2022-23 for capital projects eligible under the Shovel-Ready Capital Recovery and Investment Act grants. Eligible projects related to arts, culture, humanities, and sports

complexes were submitted by non-profit organizations prior to July 15, 2021, and must be resumed by June 30, 2022 to be eligible for grant awards up to \$15 million per project.

- Governor's Recommendation: \$50M in FY21-22 & \$50M in FY22-23
- Committee Recommendation: \$50M in FY21-22 & \$50M in FY22-23
- **Site and Business Development (Airport Business Park):** The recommendation includes \$30M in FY 2021-22 and \$30M in FY 2022-23 for projects eligible under the Site and Building Development Act to address negative economic impacts in disproportionately impacted communities. This funding will also be utilized to address public health mitigation efforts of eligible businesses
 - Governor's Recommendation: \$30M in FY21-22 & \$30M in FY 22-23
 - Committee Recommendation: \$60M in FY21-22
- **Workforce Housing:** The recommendation includes \$25M in FY 2021-22 and an additional \$50M in FY 2022-23 for workforce housing grants to address unprecedented labor shortages and attract workers to Nebraska. In each fiscal year, \$25M is allocated to rural projects eligible under Nebraska's Rural Workforce Housing Investment Act. In FY 2022-23, \$25M is allocated to urban projects eligible under the state's Middle-Income Workforce Housing Investment Act
 - Governor's Recommendation: \$25M in FY21-22 & \$50M in FY22-23
 - Committee Recommendation: \$47M in FY21-22 & \$44M in FY 22-23
- **Law enforcement training center:** The recommendation includes \$47.7M in FY 2021-22 for the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice related to the ability of the Nebraska law enforcement to respond to an increase in violence due to the pandemic by increasing its ability to train the next generation of law enforcement officers.
 - Governor's Recommendation: \$47.7M in FY 21-22
 - Committee Recommendation: \$47.7M in FY 21-22
- **LB1025 (Wayne) Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for the North Omaha Recovery Grant Program**
 - **Summary:** This bill would appropriate \$450M from Federal Funds for FY 2022-23 to the Department of Economic Development for the purposes of creating the North Omaha Recovery Grant Program to provide funding to public and private entities to respond to the negative impact of the COVID-19 public health emergency. To be eligible for such a grant, an applicant should explain how the grant will relieve the negative impacts of the COVID-19 public health emergency within a qualified census tract located within the boundaries of a city of the metropolitan class.
 - **North Omaha Recovery Act Grant Program**
 - Wayne Recommendation: \$450M in FY 22-23
 - Committee Recommendations: \$150M in FY22-23

- **LB1066 (Stinner) Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services and the University of Nebraska for behavioral health care services**
 - **Summary:** This bill would appropriate \$5M from Federal Funds for FY 2022-23 to the Department of Health and Human Services for purposes of providing grants of up to two hundred fifty-thousand dollars for capital costs of expanding access to behavioral health acute care beds in rural areas where beds are not currently available or a shortage exists. This bill would also appropriate \$28M from Federal Funds for FY2022-23 to the University of Nebraska for the Behavioral Health Education Center to be spent in the following manner: \$13M for graduate and postgraduate training opportunities such as internships, practicums, and fellowships; \$10M for the expansion of tele behavioral health services in rural areas; \$3M for education and training opportunities for students and behavioral health professionals related to behavioral health issues caused or exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health emergency; and \$2M for stipends for provisionally licensed behavioral health professionals employed in the field of behavioral health.
 - **DHHS and University, behavioral health care services**
 - Stinner Recommendation: \$33M in FY 22-23
 - Committee Recommendation: \$33M in FY 22-23

- **LB1087 (Stinner) Appropriate federal funds for Aid to Community Colleges for dual enrollment**
 - **Summary:** This bill would appropriate \$15M from Federal Funds for FY 2022-23 to Program No. 151 (Aid to Community Colleges) for state aid for dual enrollment. These funds for dual enrollment should be distributed to community college areas in direct proportion to the full-time-equivalent enrollment in dual credit courses delivered by the respective community college areas based upon dual enrollment credit hour data reported to the Coordinating Commission for post-secondary Education by the respective community college areas for the year in which those enrollments occurred. It is the Legislature's intent that the funds appropriated in this section be expended by the respective community college areas in the following manner: \$5M in FY 2022-23; \$5M in FY2023-24; and \$5M in FY2024-25.
 - **Aid to community colleges for dual enrollment.**
 - Stinner Recommendation: \$15M in FY 22-23
 - Committee Recommendation: \$15M in FY 22-23

- **LB1161 (Wishart) Appropriate federal funds to the State Department of Education for programs and interpreters that provide services to students who are deaf or hard of hearing**
 - **Summary:** This bill would appropriate \$1M from the Federal Fund for FY2022-23 to the State Department of Education for programs and interpreters that provide services to students who are deaf or hard of hearing. The funds would be divided in the following manner: \$300,000 for equipment, \$300,000 for service, and \$400,000 for an enhanced education interpreter training and mentoring program.
 - **NDE, services to students who are deaf or hard of hearing.**
 - Wishart Recommendation: \$1M in FY 22-23
 - Committee Recommendation: \$1M in FY 22-23
 - Clients with Position: RPS (support letter)

- **LB1162 (Wishart) Appropriate federal funds to the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to support in-person interpreting in rural areas and legal communication access**
 - **Summary:** This bill appropriates \$500,000 from Federal Funds for FY 2022-23 to the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing for the purpose of supporting in-person interpreting in rural areas and legal communication access.
 - **Rural in-person interpreting and legal communication access.**
 - Wishart Recommendation: \$500,000 in FY 22-23
 - Committee Recommendation: \$500,000 in FY 22-23

- **LB1167 (Flood) Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development for internships and expanding and retaining Nebraska's workforce**
 - **Summary:** This bill would appropriate \$30M from Federal Funds to the Department of Economic Department for enhancing and retaining Nebraska's workforce. The department would create an internship grant program. There would also be \$20M appropriated from Federal Funds for FY 2021-22 to the Department of Labor for enhancing and retaining Nebraska's workforce. The department would use the fund to create a grant program to expand Nebraska's workforce and may create a program to administer the grants to Nebraska businesses, economic development or workforce organizations, political subdivisions, nonprofit organizations, and education partners to support training, upskilling, apprenticeship, and apprenticeship program development proposals.
 - **Internships and expanding and retaining workforce.**
 - Flood Recommendation: \$50M in FY21-22
 - Committee Recommendation: \$10M in FY22-23

- **LB1195 (McDonnell) Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Economic Development to award sponsorship grants for international competitions to be hosted in Nebraska.**
 - **Summary:** This bill would appropriate \$1.5M from Federal Funds for FY 2022-23 to the Department of Economic Development, fort Program 603, for the purpose of awarding major sponsorship grants for international competitions to be hosted in Nebraska that are recognized by an international governing body.
 - **Grants for international competitions in Nebraska.**
 - McDonnell Recommendation: \$1.5M in FY22-23
 - Committee Recommendation: \$500,000 in FY 21-22

- **LB1201 (DeBoer) Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for grants to nonprofit organizations providing food assistance**
 - **Summary:** This bill would appropriate \$40M from Federal Funds for FY 2022-23 to the Department of Health and Human Services. The department will create a program to award grants to nonprofit organizations. \$20M will be awarded to nonprofit organizations that focus on food distribution in ten or more counties in the state and qualify for The Emergency Food Assistance Program administered by the United States Department of Agriculture. \$20M will be awarded for regional or local capacity and food security innovation grants to decrease Nebraska's reliance on national supply chains, support local businesses, create

local and regional economic resilience, encourage healthy eating habits, reduce food deserts, and support partnerships between local businesses and producers meeting the greatest needs statewide in the most efficient and sustainable manner.

- **DHHS for nonprofit organization food assistance programs.**
 - DeBoer Recommendation: \$42.077M in FY 22-23
 - Committee Recommendation: \$20M in FY 22-23
- **LB1255 (Bostar) Appropriate federal funds to the University of Nebraska for an updated climate change report**
 - **Summary:** This bill would appropriate \$150,000 from Federal Funds for FY 2022-23 to the University of Nebraska, for Program 781, to provide funding to the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources to update the Assessing Climate Change report released in 2014. It is intended that the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources contract with a third-party, science-based organization to develop an independent report that identifies and recommends specific prescriptive measures to be taken by the State of Nebraska relating to the updated Assessing Climate Change report. It is also intended that the University of Nebraska Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources electronically deliver both the updated Assessing Climate Change report and independent report providing recommendations by the third-party, science-based organization to the Governor and the Legislature by December 1, 2024.
 - **University for an updated climate change report.**
 - Bostar Recommendation: \$150,000 in FY 22-23
 - Committee Recommendation: \$150,000 in FY 22-23

Premium Pay

- **LB1014 (Speaker Hilgers at the request of the Governor) Appropriate Federal Funds allocated to the State of Nebraska pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021**
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 - **Salary increases for 24-hour facilities:** The recommendation includes \$36.7M in FY 2021-22 to provide premium pay increases for front-line workers in 24-hour facilities. These teammates worked closely with the public health response and provided services during the height of the pandemic. This increase ensures the state is competitive in pay for positions that respond to public health and public safety.
 - Governor's Recommendation: \$36.7M in FY 21-22
 - Committee Recommendation: \$36.7M in FY 21-22
- **LB996 (Dorn) Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for assisted-living facilities.**
 - **Summary:** This bill would appropriate \$5,462,800 from Federal Funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for the purpose of distributing the

funds to assisted-living facilities. Each distribution will equal four hundred dollars per licensed bed in such a facility. The facilities should use such funds for incentives for staff members employed by the licensed facility in order to enhance employee recruitment and retention or to assist with costs for supplies and equipment purchased by the licensed assisted-living facility.

■ **Payments to assisted living facilities.**

- Dorn Recommendations: \$5,462,800 in FY22-23
- Committee Recommendations: \$5,462,800 in FY22-23

● **LB1089 (Stinner) Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for licensed and Medicaid-certified nursing facilities**

- **Summary:** This bill would appropriate \$60M from Federal Funds for FY 2022-23 to the Department of Health and Human Services, for Program 348, to provide \$45M to Medicaid-certified nursing facilities divided proportionately by the Medicaid-certified beds at such facilities and \$15M divided equally among the Medicaid-certified 14 nursing facilities that were in the top twenty-five percent of Medicaid-certified nursing facilities with the highest percentage of bed-days paid by Medicaid in the fiscal year 2021-22. It is intended that the money paid to these facilities be expended by such for the purpose of enhancing employee recruitment and retention of direct care staff during fiscal years 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25.

■ **Licensed and Medicaid certified nursing facilities.**

- Stinner Recommendation: \$60M in FY22-23
- Committee Recommendation: \$55M in FY23-23

● **LB1172 (Hilkemann) Appropriate federal funds for rate increases for certain providers of developmental disabilities services**

- **Summary:** This bill would appropriate \$37M from Federal Funds to the Department of Health and Human Services, for Program 424, Developmental Disability Aid. These funds would be used for rate increases for agency providers and for the following services, which would only be used for such purposes: Prevocational; Residential Habilitation, excluding Shared Living Services; Supported Employment – Individual; Enclave; Behavioral In-Home Habilitation; Community Inclusion; Community Integration; Consultative Assessment; Crisis Intervention Support; Rehabilitative Workshop; Independent Living; In-Home Residential Habilitation; Medical In-Home Habilitation; Supported Family Living; Supported Employment – Follow Along; and Child Day Habilitation.

■ **Rates increase certain developmental disabilities providers.**

- Hilkemann Recommendation: \$37M in FY21-22
- Committee Recommendation: \$55M in FY22-23

Water, Sewer, and Broadband

● **LB1014 (Speaker Hilgers at Request of the Governor) Appropriate Federal Funds allocated to the State of Nebraska pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021**

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appropriation recommendation in the bill qualifies under one or more of the federally authorized use categories.

- **Ft. Laramie-Gering Canal:** The recommendation includes \$23.1M in FY 2021-22 to repair irrigation tunnels that collapsed in the Ft. Laramie – Gering Irrigation District which supplies roughly 107,000 acres with water for irrigation. In July 2019, Irrigation Tunnel 1 and 2 collapsed and temporary work was done to secure the stability of both tunnels, but only provided 80-85 percent capacity of the water needed. The recommended funding will enable Nebraska to partner with Wyoming to completely repair both tunnels to secure water for our farmers and ranchers. Nebraska’s funding share represents fifty-one percent ownership of the canal, with the rest of the funding coming from Wyoming.
 - Governor's Recommendation: \$23.1M in FY 21-22
 - Committee Recommendation: \$23.1M in FY 21-22
- **Wastewater system projects:** The recommendation includes \$8.1M in FY 2022-23 to address several locations with wastewater and sewage issues that need to be addressed to enhance the experience of several state parks. These specific locations are Niobrara State Park, Branched Oak State Recreation Area, Two Rivers State Recreation Area, Lewis and Clark State Recreation Area, and Mormon Island State Recreation Area. Current systems are outdated in these areas and in need of replacement. This ensures that the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission is compliant with federal requirements for sanitary sewer systems and the state is providing safe and clean accommodations to customers.
 - Governor's Recommendation: \$8.1M in FY 22-23
 - Committee Recommendation: \$8.1M in FY 22-23
- **State colleges facility and equipment upgrades:** The recommendation includes \$8M to purchase equipment and upgrade campus drinking water and wastewater projects. This will provide \$2M to purchase equipment for Chadron, Peru, and Wayne campuses to aid healthcare professionals in combatting the effects of COVID-19, and \$6M to upgrade their water and sewer systems that need to be repaired or replaced.
 - Governor's Recommendation: \$8M in FY22-23
 - Committee Recommendation: \$8M in FY22-23
- **State fair sewer upgrades:** The recommendation includes \$25M in FY 2022-23 to assist the State Fair in improving their sewage system for storm drainage and assist in creating a new wastewater system. Over the past several years, the State Fair has experienced significant rain and inadequate drainage has created large areas of the fairgrounds to become unusable due to flooding. These improvements will allow the fair to increase attendance and grow substantially in the future.
 - Governor's Recommendation: \$25M in FY 22-23
 - Committee Recommendation: \$20M in FY 22-23
- **LB1160 (Wishart) Appropriate federal funds to the Department of Environment and Energy for reverse osmosis systems**
 - **Summary:** This bill would appropriate \$10M from Federal Funds for FY 2022-23 to the Department of Environment and Energy for the purpose of providing grants for small and rural communities to install reverse osmosis systems in community water systems where drinking water test levels are above ten parts

per million of nitrate and, if appropriate, provide grant funds for use to install reverse osmosis systems if test levels for nitrate in drinking water pumped from private wells are above ten parts per million.

■ **Grants for reverse osmosis systems.**

- Wishart Recommendation: \$10M in FY22-23
- Committee Recommendation: \$4M in FY 22-23

Funds Administration

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 - **ARPA Fund Administration:** The recommendation includes \$15M in FY 2021-22 to support the administration of programs related to ARPA funding contained within this section. Funding will be utilized to assist agencies in operational support, software licensing, and potentially vendor and contractor support. The level of assistance needed will be based on the complexity of administering the program and the amount of auditing and accounting necessary to ensure federal compliance.
 - Governor's Recommendation: \$15M in FY 21-22
 - Committee Recommendation: \$15M in FY 21-22
 - **DHHS IT utilization increases:** The recommendation includes \$5M in FY 2021-22 and \$5M in FY 2022-23 to finance the increased utilization of IT services related to programs administered by the department due to the public health emergency. The amount of grants administered for public health services necessitated a sharp increase in transactional volume and in turn increased costs to the department to serve citizens in the state.
 - Governor's Recommendation: \$5M in FY21-22 & \$5M in FY 22-23
 - Committee Recommendation: \$5M in FY21-22 & \$5M in FY 22-23

Bills in Other Committees

- **LB1081 (Bostar) Provide for a grant program for the design, construction, and implementation of water transport infrastructure under the Department of Natural Resources and state intent to appropriate federal funds**
 - **Summary:** It is intended by the Legislature to appropriate \$200M from the funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund for FY 2021-22 to the Department of Natural Resources to establish procedure and criteria for awarding grants to a municipality that utilizes more than thirty million gallons per day of water to be used for the design, construction, and implementation of additional water supply projects.
 - **Grants for water transport infrastructure**

- Bostar Recommendation: \$200M
- Committee Recommendation: \$15M
- **LB1253 (Wayne) Require the Department of Economic Development to apply for grants from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund and provide requirements for use of the grant funds in cities of the metropolitan class and cities of the primary class**
 - **Summary:** The Department of Economic Development should apply for grants from the federal Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The department will use one-half of the grant money received for multipurpose community facilities located in any qualified census tract in cities of the metropolitan class and will use the other half for multipurpose community facilities located in any qualified census tract in cities of the primary class.
 - **Covid-19 capital projects funds, qualified census tracts**
 - Wayne Recommendation: \$9,655,510 in FY 22-23
 - Committee Recommendation: \$0 Appropriated.

By Category

- Public Health Response: 31 requests and 10 taken up.
- Negative Economic Impacts: 64 requests and 16 taken up.
- Water, Sewer, and Broadband: 22 requests and 7 taken up.
- Premium Pay: 11 requests and 2 taken up.
- Funds Administration: 2 requests and 1 taken up.
- Total ARPA-CSRRF: 130 (ARPA) and 38 (CSRRF)

By Source of Request

- Governor: 30 requests and 19 taken up.
- Appropriations Committee: 84 requests and 18 taken up.
- Other Committees: 16 requests and 1 taken up.