

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2024
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB998

Hearing Date: Thursday February 15, 2024
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Conrad
One Liner: Adopt the State Acceptance of Gifts Act

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Aguilar, Brewer, Conrad, Halloran, Hunt, Lowe, Sanders
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Raybould
Present Not Voting:		

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Danielle Conrad
Vickie McDonald

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Nebraska Association of Former Legislators

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill proposes substantial revisions to the statutes governing the acceptance of gifts by the state.

Section 1 provides the title of the act.

Section 2 describes a legislative purpose.

Section 3 defines terms used in the act.

Section 4 provides that donor intent controls the agency that should approve and receive a gift. In the event that no recipient agency is designated by the donor, the gift would be used in accord with Article VII, section 9 of the Nebraska Constitution.

Section 5 revises the section of statute governing the procedures for reviewing and accepting gifts offered to a state agency. A gift of real property with a value in excess of \$250,000 or money gifted for the purpose of acquiring such property would be reviewed by the State Building Division and the Task Force for Building Renewal, who would then make written recommendations regarding acceptance or refusal of the gift. The decision to accept the gift would be



made jointly by the Legislature and the Governor. Acceptance of a gift under this section would mean no further approval under the subsequent sections would be required.

Section 6 directs that gifts of personal property worth more than \$10,000 be approved by the Governor prior to acceptance.

Section 7 provides further procedural requirements on gifts of money in excess of \$10,000.

Section 8 includes harmonizing changes.

Section 9 modifies the duties of the Task Force for Building Renewal and harmonizes them with the act.

Section 10 includes harmonizing changes.

Section 11 provides a delayed operative date of July 1, 2025

Section 12 includes the partial repealer.

Section 13 includes the outright repealer.

Tom Brewer, Chairperson

