Teammates,

With the 2nd session of the 107th Nebraska Legislature officially in the books, I want to provide an update on the session's outcome from a DAS perspective. I previously highlighted our legislative initiatives near the start of the 2022 Legislative Session, and by and large we experienced success this year.

The following bills and resolutions were adopted by the Legislature or signed into law by Governor Ricketts:

- LR271 – Introduced by Senator Tom Brewer, this resolution officially finalized the naming and dedication of the 1526 K Street Building as the First Nebraska Administrative Building, and the naming and dedication of the 521 South 14th Street Building as the Chief Standing Bear Justice Administration Building.
- LB1037 – Introduced by Senator John Arch, this bill enables DAS to evaluate the State's procurement practices, identifying areas for improvement.
- LB1064 – Introduced by Senator John Arch, and amended into LB1037, this establishes a funding structure for DAS' Materiel Division to obtain an electronic procurement system.
- LBs1083 & 1084 – Introduced by the Business and Labor Committee, these bills relate to approving and denying payment for claims involving the State of Nebraska.
- The legislature also enacted a revised budget that fully funded our recent historic union agreements and our recently announced Children of State Teammate Reimbursement Program.

Thank you to DAS Policy Advisor Sarah Skinner on her great work, to those who helped provide timely fiscal notes to legislative proposals, and to all of our teammates who helped us prepare for this year's session and get our bills and resolutions over the finish line.

I'm excited about the changes brought forth this legislative session and I look forward to all the new ways this enables us to serve our customers and the State of Nebraska.

Regards,

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