

Agency 087 - ACCOUNTABILITY & DISCLOSURE COMM

STATUTORY AUTHORITY:

The Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act (NPADA) was passed in 1976 and became effective in 1977. See sections 49-1401 through 49-14,141 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes. The NPADA created the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission. The Commission is charged with the administration and enforcement of the State's campaign finance disclosure laws, its lobbying laws and its conflict of interest laws.

The Commission was formerly charged with the administration of the Campaign Finance Limitation Act, a separate body of law. The Legislature repealed the CFLA in 2013. See Laws 2013, LB 79.

VISION:

The vision of the Accountability and Disclosure Commission is to advance integrity in the electoral process and in state and local government through disclosure and accountability.

MISSION AND PRINCIPLES:

The mission of the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission is to administer and enforce the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. There are four principles which guide this process. See Supporting Information for a statement of these principles.

GOALS:

Goal 1: Campaign Activity: To ensure that campaign finance information is readily available to the public.

Goal 2: Conflicts of Interest: To administer a process that encourages public officials and public employees to seek advice and publicly disclose conflicts of interest and thus promote making independent and impartial governmental decisions and policies.

Goal 3: Lobbying: To provide information to the public of the identity of lobbyists and their principals including the disclosure of the receipts and expenditures of lobbyists and principals.

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Financial Data

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Cash Fund	186,444	225,816	225,816	233,324	225,816	238,588
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Other Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Program 094 - ADMINISTRATION

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The NPADA provides for the administration and enforcement of Nebraska's campaign finance disclosure laws, its conflict of interest laws, and its lobbying laws. See supporting information.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

Program 94 is the agency's administrative program. It has three categories; campaign finance, conflicts of interest, and lobbying activity. The objective of the campaign finance category is to collect information on the financing of political campaigns from candidates and others and to make the information available to the public. The objective of the conflicts of interest category is to provide information to public officials and public employees so that they can properly address and disclose potential conflicts of interest. The objective of the lobbying activity category is to promote openness in the legislative process by collecting information from lobbyists and principals and making this information available to the public.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Performance measures of state agencies are typically based upon work output or volume of reports filed. This is not a useful measure. The number of reports filed changes each year depending upon whether it is an election year and upon whether it is a gubernatorial election year. A year to year comparison of the number of reports filed does not show the level of compliance with NPADA. A better measure is to compare the number of reports timely filed to the number of reports filed late and compute the percent of variance. While this is more a measure of the performance of the filers than of the agency, it may provide anecdotal information on the effectiveness of the Commission's instructional materials.

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