

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION -  
2008**

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**

**LB811**

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**Hearing Date:** February 14, 2008

**Committee On:** Appropriations

**Introducer(s):** (Kruse)

**Title:** State intent to appropriate five million dollars to the public transportation assistance program under the Nebraska Public Transportation Act

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Placed on General File with Amendments

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**Vote Results:**

9 Yes	Senators Engel, Fulton, Harms, Heidemann, Kruse, Nantkes, Nelson, Synowiecki, Wightman
0 No	
0 Absent	
0 Present, not voting	

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**Proponents:**

Senator Kruse  
Curt Simon  
Scott Tharnish  
Carol Maxson

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Metro Area Transit  
City of Lincoln/ StarTran Bus System  
City of Ogallala/ Nebraska Association of  
Transportation Providers

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or change:**

LB 811 would appropriate \$5 million for the public transportation assistance program in FY 2008-2009.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

The committee amendment strikes the original provisions of LB 811, and requires the Department of Roads to submit a report to the chairperson of the Appropriations Committee on or before December 1 of each year regarding the transportation assistance funds requested by each applicant in the current fiscal year and the projected grants to be awarded to each applicant.

The report is to be separated into two categories, those requests and grants awarded for handicapped vans, otherwise known as paratransit vehicles, and those requests and grants awarded for handicapped-accessible fixed route bus systems.

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Senator Lavon Heidemann, Chairperson