



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 1044**

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**Chairperson:** Philip Erdman  
**Committee:** Agriculture  
**Date of Hearing:** February 26, 2008

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 1044 states findings that the infrastructure at the current site of the Nebraska State Fair is no longer adequate to meet the needs of the fair, and as a result, declares the Legislature's intent to move the fair to a new location. The bill further states that due to the proximity of the campus of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to the current fair site, the property currently occupied by the fair should be transferred to the University of Nebraska.

The bill establishes the State Fair Future Commission to study and recommend a new location for the state fair. The commission would consist of 6 members – 3 appointed by the Governor and 3 by the Legislature from each of the state's congressional districts. Members of the commission would evaluate alternative locations for the fair based on specific financial and physical considerations outlined in the bill. The commission would be required to hold a public hearing in each of the state's three congressional districts regarding the future location of the fair no later than December 31, 2008. The commission is required to report its recommendations to the Executive Board of the Legislature by the same date. The bill requires the relocation of the fair to be complete by August 1, 2012.

The measure contains an emergency clause.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator Ron Raikes**