



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 393

Chairperson: Ron Raikes
Committee: Education
Date of Hearing: March 12, 2007

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

LB 393 would amend the Nebraska Scholarship Act. First, it would make permanent the language regarding the maximum grant, which would be 50 percent of the mandatory fees and tuition for undergraduates at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The maximum is scheduled to drop to 25 percent at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

Second, the bill would expand eligibility for the program to students who are eligible for subsidized federal loans. Currently, only students who are eligible for federal Pell Grants are eligible for awards from the Nebraska program.

Finally, the bill would extend eligibility to students who are nonresidents of Nebraska if those students provide evidence of their intent to remain in Nebraska upon graduation.

The purpose of the bill is to increase the college-going population in the state, and to provide incentives for nonresident students with financial need to attend colleges and universities in Nebraska.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Mick Mines