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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 725

Chairperson: LeRoy Louden
Committee: Natural Resources
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The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 725 amends the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Act to add a new category of eligible grant funding to the existing program. This new category would allow the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality to award grants for reimbursement of costs to cities of the second class, villages, and counties of five thousand or fewer population for the deconstruction of abandoned buildings. In order to be eligible for grant funding, the recyclable content and structure of the building must be processed for recycling or reuse.

This change is sought to further encourage the recycling of materials from abandoned buildings, such as lumber, metal, brick, block, or fixtures that can be salvaged for reuse or recycled into other products. Building deconstruction can be an alternative to demolishing an abandoned building and disposing of it in a landfill.

Principal Introducer:

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