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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 397

Chairperson: Greg Adams
Committee: Education
Date of Hearing: March 2, 2009

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

LB 397 would reenact two grant programs that benefit students in all higher education sectors. The programs, the State Scholarship Award Program (SSAP) and the Scholarship Assistance Program (SAP) were in full force and effect in Nebraska until 2003, when those programs were repealed and replaced with the Nebraska Scholarship Program. The Nebraska Scholarship Program would be repealed in LB 397.

Beginning in 2003, the change in programs caused a significant reallocation of state grant dollars to students. These changes primarily benefited students attending University of Nebraska campuses and students attending for-profit colleges and universities. Students attending Nebraska independent colleges and universities were detrimentally impacted. LB 397 would change the allocation formula back to the manner in which a portion of state funds were allocated before the enactment of the Nebraska Scholarship Program. LB 397 will promote equity in the allocation of state grant funds.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Jeremy Nordquist