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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 547

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

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

Legislative Bill 547 would modify the Attracting Excellence to Teaching Program by allowing certificated teachers employed by accredited or approved schools access to the forgivable loan program and by restricting the program for students working toward their initial certification to students majoring in a shortage area. Participating certificated teachers would be required to major in a shortage area, a subject area in which they already have a secular teaching endorsement, or in a secular teaching area approved by their superintendent or head administrator. The maximum loans would also be increased from \$2,500 to \$3,000 per year and new participants would have to work as a teacher in Nebraska for two years following graduation before forgiveness would begin. The existing \$1 million annual allocation of lottery funding would be divided with up to \$300,000 for students working toward their initial certification and the remainder (\$700,000) for certificated teachers.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Greg Adams