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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1131

Chairperson: Senator Greg Adams

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: January 30, 2012

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

LB 1131, the Innovation, Discovery and Entrepreneurial Act, provides that a tool will be developed to acknowledge the efforts of Nebraska schools that engage students in creative work. This tool will also encourage Nebraska schools to engage students in creative work. The tool will be designed by Nebraskans to meet Nebraska's needs. LB 1131 initially establishes a volunteer task force for the purpose of tool development.

By increasing the focus on creative work in schools, more students will be ready to enter the highly-skilled workforce demanded by the new economy. An increase in focus on creative work will also help more students with college readiness.

In a high-speed economy where capital and commerce easily cross borders, businesses can locate anywhere. In order to attract innovative business to Nebraska we need an innovative workforce. As Nebraska takes the lead in innovative education, the creative jobs and businesses will follow.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Amanda McGill