

One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB259

Chairperson: Senator Deb Fischer

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Date of Hearing: February 08, 2011

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

LB 259 would eliminate the Nebraska Railway Council. The Council was created in 1980 to administer the Light-Density Rail Line Assistance Act and the Federal Local Rail Freight Assistance Act. The Council reviews and approves loans and/or grants for funds from the Act. However, the program is no longer funded at the federal level, and the Council has utilized all remaining funds.

The bill was the result of the LR 542 process. The elimination of the Council will save approximately \$2,500 in general funds.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Deb Fischer