

# **One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB263**

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**Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop**

**Committee: Business and Labor**

**Date of Hearing: January 24, 2011**

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

LB 263 was introduced at the request of the Department of Labor ("DOL"). It repeals the Nebraska Worker Training Board. Consisting of seven members appointed by the governor, the board was created in 1994. The board reviews applications for the use of monies credited to the Nebraska Training and Support Trust Fund. Approved programs include those designed to support private and public job training programs intended to train, retrain, or upgrade work skills of existing Nebraska workers, train new employees of expanding Nebraska businesses, and recruit workers to Nebraska.

With approval of the governor, the Commissioner of Labor has the power to appropriate funds from the Nebraska Training and Support Trust Fund. According to DOL, the process to approve programs is redundant as the board makes recommendations to the commissioner and then the commissioner makes recommendations to the governor. LB 263 would take the board out of the process.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Steve Lathrop**