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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB582

Chairperson: Senator Greg Adams

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: March 08, 2011

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

LB 582, the Student Expression Act, provides protection for public school students in exercising their First Amendment rights to free expression. The bill encourages school districts to adopt a policy on student expression. Student expression rights would not extend to obscene, defamatory, creates a clear and present danger of unlawful acts, creates a substantial disruption, or invades the privacy of others.

The purposes of the Act are to clarify the expression rights of Nebraska public school students, to reduce incidents where students' lawful expression rights are suppressed, to instill in students the value of democracy, and to prepare students for informed and active civic participation.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Ken Haar