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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB971

Chairperson: Senator Bill Avery

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 02, 2012

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

LB 971 would begin the process of merging the Nebraska Department of Labor (DOL) with the Nebraska Department of Economic Development (DED), bringing both agencies under one director.

This merger is based on the recognition that economic success in Nebraska is dependent on businesses, and that businesses rely on a talented, well-equipped workforce. The merger will facilitate a coordinated approach to workforce and economic development.

LB971 moves all existing programs, employees, contracts, and services from DOL into DED. The bill does not call for any cuts of current employees or services. The focus of this bill is effective and efficient delivery of services to Nebraska citizens through greater coordination and collaboration in carrying out the state's workforce and economic development efforts.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator John Harms