

One Hundred Second Legislature - Second Session - 2012

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LR375CA

Chairperson: Senator Russ Karpisek

Committee: General Affairs

Date of Hearing: January 30, 2012

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

LR 375CA would provide voters an opportunity to decide whether the Legislature should be allowed to authorize and regulate casino gaming in Nebraska. The intent is to reclaim money spent by Nebraskans at casinos in neighboring states, millions of which are deposited in those states' government coffers as a result of casino taxes, fees, and assessments. State revenues arising out of this measure would be transferred to the Cash Reserve Fund the amount of which would be determined by the Legislature, and of the remaining balance, 75 percent would go to education, 24 percent to public transportation infrastructure, and one percent to the Compulsive Gamblers' Assistance Fund.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Paul Schumacher