

# **One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013**

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

### **LB376**

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**Chairperson: Senator Heath Mello**

**Committee: Appropriations**

**Date of Hearing: March 05, 2013**

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

LB 376 would provide \$100,000 in Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and \$100,000 in Fiscal Year 2014-2015 to support technical assistance in downtown revitalization to all Nebraska communities through Nebraska Main Street. The appropriation would be matched by private funds provided by the 19-year old statewide organization.

Main Street uses the Four-Point Approach of the National Main Street Center to provide assistance in Design, Organization, Promotion and Economic Restructuring for communities with populations under 50,000. The approach has been used successfully for 33 years in more than 2,000 communities in 45 states, cities, counties and regions. In Fiscal Year 2011-2012 in Nebraska, an average of \$23.40 was reinvested back into each Nebraska Main Street community for every \$1 spent to operate a local Main Street program.

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

**Senator Jerry Johnson**