

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1109

Chairperson: Senator John Murante

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 10, 2016

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

“The Enhanced Public Scrutiny Hiring Process” or LB1109, updates the current search process for the Board of Regents regarding the University of Nebraska President or campus Chancellor positions. Furthermore, LB1109 accomplishes the following:

- Establishes a 30-day public vetting period for a single priority candidate for President or Chancellor prior to any action by the Board of Regents on the candidate’s appointment;

- Provides for a public vetting process for the priority candidate that includes: the candidate’s application materials and mandated participation in public forums, in which the University affiliates, news media and Nebraskans can participate and provide input;

- Streamlines the search process to be more consistent with those of other Big Ten institutions, including Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Maryland and Pennsylvania – all of whom Nebraska competes with for top talent;

- Removes unnecessary limitations for highly sought after candidates to enter the search process for President or Chancellor, including impediments to confidentiality that heavily recruited candidates have said would preclude them from entering into a search process; and

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator John Murante