

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB154

Chairperson: Senator Heath Mello

Committee: Appropriations

Date of Hearing: March 03, 2015

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

LB 154 appropriates \$10,000,000 from the General Fund for FY2015-16 and \$20,000,000 from the General Fund for FY2016-17 to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for economic competitiveness initiatives.

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents will distribute the funds to advance strategic, multi-campus initiatives that will advance Nebraska's economic competitiveness, including, but not limited to:

- (1) the Peter Kiewit Institute;
- (2) Nebraska Innovation Campus;
- (3) Building a Healthier Nebraska Kearney Health Science Programs;
- (4) the Rural Futures Institute;
- (5) the National Strategic Research Institute;
- (6) STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) initiatives;
- (7) the Nebraska Advanced Biomedical Technology Innovation and Discovery Institute;
- (8) Nebraska Business Development initiatives; and
- (9) Veteran workforce development initiatives.

Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Galen Hadley