

**One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB565**

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**Chairperson: Senator Heath Mello**

**Committee: Appropriations**

**Date of Hearing: March 02, 2015**

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

LB 565 seeks to make financial aid available to students at postsecondary educational institutions who are enrolled in fields of study or training that are integral to the future economic well-being of Nebraska. These fields shall be those designated as "high-need" for purposes of the bill and include areas defined as construction trades, transportation, warehousing, and distribution logistics, science, technology, engineering, mathematics, health care and health services, business administration, and teacher education.

LB 565 appropriates \$3 million from the General Fund, \$1 million from the Health Care Cash Fund, and \$1 million from the Job Training Cash Fund for fiscal years 2015-16 and 2016-17 to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. The money would be appropriated for the purpose of providing financial support to students at qualified public and private nonprofit two-year and four-year postsecondary educational institutions in Nebraska who are enrolled in those high-need programs.

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

**Senator John Kuehn**