

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB15

Chairperson: Senator Jim Smith

Committee: Revenue

Date of Hearing: January 18, 2017

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

LB15 would establish a First-time Home Buyers Savings Account Act, allowing individuals to set aside funds with a financial institution for the purpose of contributions and earnings to be used toward the down payment and closing costs, relating to the first-time purchase of a single family residence in the state of Nebraska.

The bill would allow parents, grandparents and other individuals to set aside funds up to \$50,000 to assist children, grandchildren or other qualifying beneficiaries, with down payments and closing costs for a qualifying first-time purchase of a single family residence in the state of Nebraska.

All contributions and deposits would be post tax dollars. Subsequent earnings on such deposited funds would be free from state income tax when used for the required purpose. Account holders would be allowed to contribute up to a total of \$50,000 in principal per beneficiary, with an aggregate limit of \$150,000.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Joni Craighead