

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB292

Chairperson: Senator John Stinner

Committee: Appropriations

Date of Hearing: March 19, 2019

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

LB292 would appropriate \$500,000 in each year of the biennium to the Department of Education for the reinstatement of the Nebraska Information Technology Initiative under the Center for Student Leadership and Expanded Learning Act.

Beginning in 2014, the Nebraska Information Technology Initiative (IT) is a partnership with the Nebraska Department of Education, Nebraska Career and Technical Education, and the technology industry. The goal of the Initiative is to leverage a public-private partnership in order to prepare students for college and careers with on-demand, industry-recognized courses and certifications in IT, computer science, productivity and more.

The Initiative ended after the 2017 semester due to budget cuts, but during that time, there were 85 participating high schools and 12 community college campuses, as well as a waiting list for schools to join.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tony Vargas