

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB639

Chairperson: Senator Mike Groene

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: February 05, 2019

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

LB639 would adopt the H3 Careers Scholarship Act.

Under the Act, scholarships would be awarded to eligible students at an eligible postsecondary educational institution located in Nebraska pursuing majors that will lead to careers in an "H3" (high demand, high wage, and high skill) occupation, as designated by the Department of Labor. Eligible postsecondary educational institutions must designate majors in an academic field of study leading to an H3 career and receive approval from the Department of Labor.

Under the Act, the Legislature would appropriate \$10 million in fiscal year 2019-20, \$20 million in fiscal year 2020-21, and \$30 million each fiscal year thereafter to the Nebraska Department of Labor and require matching funds from eligible postsecondary educational institutions.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator John Stinner