

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB610

Chairperson: Senator Robert Clements

Committee: Appropriations

Date of Hearing: March 15, 2023

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

LB610 appropriates 10,232,000 to the Department of Education for Program 158 for the purpose of funding career and technical education programs in secondary and post secondary schools in Nebraska. Nebraska is the only state that does not match federal Perkins CTE funding from their general fund. Approximately \$8,000,000 will be distributed to secondary and post secondary schools following the federal Perkins formula, while an additional \$2,232,000 will ensure that each school district in the state receives a minimum of \$15,000 for career and technical education.

LB610 also appropriates \$400,000 to the Department of Education to be evenly distributed between the career education student organizations. Nebraska's seven career education student organizations are FFA, HOSA, DECA, FBLA, FCCLA, SkillsUSA, and Educators Rising. These funds can be used for students to offset travel to conferences and competitive events, student registration fees, scholarships, purchase equipment, and increase membership, amongst other things.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Loren Lippincott