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A BILL

1       FOR AN ACT relating to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln; to  
2               provide for the University Research and Development Corridor  
3               Master Plan as prescribed.

4       Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. The Legislature finds that as the state's land  
2 grant institution, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is engaged in  
3 research as part of its statewide mission. The Legislature further  
4 finds that as the owner of the land on which the University of  
5 Nebraska-Lincoln resides, the state has a fiscal responsibility to  
6 determine the best current and future use of the land surrounding the  
7 university. The corridor of land surrounding the university has  
8 potential for use in university research and statewide economic  
9 development, and the Legislature finds and declares that the area  
10 adjacent to the university has the potential for business growth,  
11 economic development, job creation, expanded research funding, and  
12 education-business partnerships.

13           Sec. 2. The University Research and Development Corridor  
14 Master Plan shall be completed by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln,  
15 in cooperation with the city of Lincoln and the state building  
16 division of the Department of Administrative Services. The university  
17 is encouraged to work with all interested parties within the corridor  
18 as it develops the plan.

19           Sec. 3. The University Research and Development Corridor  
20 Master Plan shall consist of: (a) A master plan of the land east and  
21 north and adjacent to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, including  
22 potential use and reuse of all or a portion of the Nebraska State  
23 Fair Park; (b) a fifteen-year cash flow analysis of potential  
24 capital, operational, and maintenance costs associated with the  
25 master plan; (3) an economic cost-benefit analysis of potential state  
26 and local benefits associated with the master plan; and (4) any other  
27 analysis that is deemed to be beneficial in analyzing the economic

1 and research opportunities available on the land adjacent to the  
2 University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

3           Sec. 4. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln shall no later  
4 than November 1, 2007, provide the master plan as required by section  
5 3 of this act to the Governor and the Legislature with  
6 recommendations on how to proceed to create a university research and  
7 development corridor.