



**Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008**  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 966**

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**Chairperson:** Lavon Heidemann  
**Committee:** Appropriations  
**Date of Hearing:** February 20, 2008

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

This bill is intended to increase the amount distributed annually into the Tobacco Prevention and Control Cash Fund from \$2.5 to \$7 million annually. The program was originally funded at the \$7 million level in the year 2000 but was reduced in 2003 to deal with the budget deficit.

This increase would further fund and implement Program 30 in the Department of Health and Human Services, also known as Tobacco Free Nebraska. The program includes the following components: (1) community programs to reduce tobacco use, (2) chronic disease programs, (3) school programs, (4) statewide programs, (5) enforcement, (6) counter marketing, (7) cessation programs, (8) surveillance & evaluation, and (9) administration.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator John Synowiecki**