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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB345

Chairperson: Senator Rich Pahls

Committee: Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Date of Hearing: February 08, 2011

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

LB 345 adopts the Economic Gardening Technical Assistance Act statewide pilot project. The purpose of the pilot program is to provide technical assistance (information tools, state and national demographic trends, competitive intelligence, marketing lists, strategy analysis, capital and labor referrals etc.), to 40 Nebraska-based growth businesses - one half of which are located in counties with population of less than fifty thousand people. The program terminates January 1, 2013.

This bill was introduced based on recommendations from the Legislature's Innovation and Entrepreneurship Task Force's statewide strategic plan which found that in order for Nebraska to remain competitive, Nebraska's economic development and job creation policies need to focus on fostering high wage job growth among small businesses, entrepreneurs and innovators.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Danielle Conrad