

**One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB108**

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**Chairperson: Senator Heath Mello**

**Committee: Appropriations**

**Date of Hearing: March 03, 2015**

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

LB 108 appropriates \$500,000 over two years to the University of Nebraska to establish twelve one-year behavioral health master's level internships in rural and underserved areas of Nebraska.

Currently, the state funds eight psychiatry residencies and ten one-year doctoral-level psychology internships in rural and underserved areas of Nebraska. Both of these programs are overseen by the Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Sue Crawford**