## One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

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**Chairperson: Senator Heath Mello** 

**Committee: Appropriations** 

Date of Hearing: February 23, 2015

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

LB 657, introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor, is a part of the Governor's biennial budget recommendations.

This bill is the mainline appropriations bill for the biennium that begins July 1, 2015 and ends on June 30, 2017. This measure includes the budget recommendations for all State operations and aid programs. In addition to the new appropriations set forth in the bill, language is included providing for the reappropriation of unexpended June 30, 2015 General Fund appropriation balances remaining for operations, with some exceptions, for FY 2015-16. The bill includes the appropriate transfers from cash funds to the General Fund as well as between specified cash funds. Finally, it provides the necessary definitions for the proper administration of appropriations and personal service limitations.

This legislative bill contains the emergency clause and becomes operative on July 1, 2015.

Detailed information regarding funding for all State operations and aid programs is included within the agency recommendations found in the State of Nebraska, Executive Budget – 2015-2017 Biennium, which may be viewed on the Department of Administrative Services State Budget Division's website at http://budget.nebraska.gov/b\_2015-17\_pubs.html.

<b>Principal Introducer:</b>			
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