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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1016

Chairperson: Senator Curt Friesen

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Date of Hearing: January 31, 2022

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

LB1016 allows the Department of Transportation to enter into public-private partnerships for projects under the Transportation Innovation Act, including:

- The accelerated completion of all improvement and expansion projects on the Nebraska segments of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways;
- The accelerated completion of improvement projects on state highways with geometric and capacity deficiencies;
- The resurfacing of highways to protect pavement integrity;
- The accelerated completion of the expressway system, as such system was designated on January 1, 2016, prior to June 30, 2033

For the safety and well-being of Nebraskans, and promoting commerce along Nebraska highways, this bill allows the Department of Transportation to enter into contracts to construct and/or finance projects with the intention to accelerate project time. The Department of Transportation may enter into contracts of up to one hundred million dollars, projects beyond will require the Department of Transportation to seek legislative approval.

On or before July 1, 2023, the Director-State Engineer shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations setting forth criteria to be used in determining when a public-private partnership is to be used for a particular project.

The Department of Transportation shall electronically report annually to the Appropriations Committee and Transportation and Telecommunications Committee public-private partnerships which have been considered or are approved.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Lynne Walz