

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1024

Chairperson: Senator Justin Wayne

Committee: Urban Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 01, 2022

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

LB 1024 would adopt the North Omaha Recovery Act. Under the Act, the Legislature would appropriate \$450 million in federal funds under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) to provide grant funding to public and private entities to respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative impacts within federally qualified census tracts located within the boundaries of cities of the metropolitan class.

Federal funds under the North Omaha Recovery Act would be managed by the North Omaha Recovery Special Committee of the Legislature, and all grants must meet the eligible uses under ARPA and any relevant guidance on the use of such funds by the United States Department of the Treasury. Grants will be targeted towards one of four categories: Housing and Homelessness, Community and Small Business Recovery, Community Well-Being, and Community Assistance and Programming.

Members of the North Omaha Recovery Special Committee would be appointed by the Executive Board of the Legislature.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Justin Wayne