

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB655

Chairperson: Senator Tom Brewer

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 16, 2023

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

Legislative Bill 655 would provide funds to the State Fire Marshal in order to partner with the Nebraska Forest Service and acquire a Community Wildfire Defense Grant. This grant would establish two statewide fire response teams to add support to local fire departments for prescribed burns and wildfires, create an inventory of readily available resources and staff, cover equipment, hire two unit leaders, and reimburse sponsoring agencies for backfill costs for staff and equipment related to the fire response teams.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike McDonnell