

**One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB215**

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**Chairperson: Senator Bill Avery**

**Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs**

**Date of Hearing: February 13, 2013**

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

Nebraska Revised Statute 81-3717 states that proceeds of the County Visitors Improvement Fund shall be used to improve the visitor attractions and facilities in the county with exceptions. Once the county determines that the visitor attractions in the county are adequate and do not require improvement, the governing body of the county currently “may” use the Improvement Fund dollars to promote, encourage, and attract visitors to the county.

LB215 changes this law to simply state that the county “shall” use the excess funds to promote, encourage, and attract visitors to the county to use the county.

The intention of LB215 is to provide better accountability for expenditures of lodging tax dollars.

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

**Senator Ken Schilz**