

**One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB584**

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**Chairperson: Senator Heath Mello**

**Committee: Appropriations**

**Date of Hearing: March 02, 2015**

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

LB584 creates a one-time grant program for the construction of a dental clinic and oral health training facility. The bill recognizes a shortage in oral health care and the oral health care workforce in Nebraska. The bill provides that the Dental Clinic and Educational Facility Grant Fund is to be used to provide a one-time grant for construction of a dental clinic and oral health training facility to serve the public health needs of Nebraska residents. Additionally, the bill identifies grant eligibility criteria and a grant application process. Eligibility requirements for this grant include providing \$4 of private money for every \$1 of state funding, educating at least 100 students annually, and providing charitable or discounted oral health care in at least five different counties throughout Nebraska.

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

**Senator Ken Schilz**