ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB611

Hearing Date: Thursday March 09, 2017
Committee On: Appropriations
Introducer: Stinner
One Liner: Require state agencies to provide a federal funding inventory

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Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

    Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Bolz, Wishart, Vargas, McDonnell, Hilkemann, Stinner
Nay:	1	Senator Kuehn
Absent:	1	Senator Watermeier
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Clements

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:	**Representing:**
Sen. John Stinner	Introducer
Sarah Curry	Platte Institute
Wayne Hoffman	Idaho Freedom Foundation

Opponents:	**Representing:**
Gerry Oligmueller	DAS-State Budget Division

Neutral:	**Representing:**
Jonathan Williams	American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC)

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB611 would require the annual reporting of federal funds received by entities participating in the state budgeting process. This would be reported to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) by September 15th each year when budget requests are due. The report would also require each entity to submit one of two operating plans in the event federal receipts are reduced either by 10% or more or 25% or more.

Included in the reporting requirements are any state match agreements, memorandum of understanding, maintenance-of-effort agreements, and contracts. Descriptions of promises made by the entity on condition of receipt of federal monies and the state statutory objective that is being met by receipt of the federal monies must be included. Any list of potential end dates and a preceding schedule of receipts are among those requirements.

Explanation of amendments:

Under AM655, the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska State College System would be excluded from provisions of LB611. The amendment also clarifies language to provide that statute only requires the federal funding inventory be provided by September 15th to DAS.

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John Stinner, Chairperson