

**One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB222**

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**Chairperson: Senator John Murante**

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

**Date of Hearing: February 08, 2017**

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

The intent of LB222 is to implement oversight measures into the Nebraska Tourism Commission's governing statutes. The bill would would restructure the Board to include members who possess professional qualifications to sit on the Board. It implements 11 districts based on geography and lodging tax revenues to ensure that the tourism industry is fully represented.

The bill also clarifies the definition of tourism industry for the purpose of specifying to which industries oversight of the Board would apply. It implements other provisions which would transition the Board to a new structure, stipulates the adoption of procedures regarding the use of appropriated funds, clarifies the rules regulating the use of contracts by the Commission, and clarifies guidelines for the Commission's innovative grant program.

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

Senator John Stinner