

# One Hundred Fifth Legislature - Second Session - 2018

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

### LB718

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**Chairperson: Senator Mike Groene**

**Committee: Education**

**Date of Hearing: January 30, 2018**

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

LB718 as amended by AM1553 provides for the protection of free speech rights, as granted by the United States Constitution, of students, institutional employees, and invited guests on the campuses of higher education within state. LB718 directs the governing boards of the University of Nebraska, Nebraska State Colleges and community colleges to adopt a detailed policy governing free speech on its campuses.

LB718 also requires that each governing board create a Committee on Free Expression. The committee shall provide an annual report to the public, its own governing body, the Governor, and the Legislature. The report shall include any barriers to or incidents of disruption of free expression on campus and what disciplinary action, if any, was taken against members of the campus community.

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

Senator Steve Halloran