

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB721

Chairperson: Senator John Stinner

Committee: Appropriations

Date of Hearing: February 17, 2022

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

LB 721 appropriates \$60 million in federal funds to the University of Nebraska for the establishment of a facility for the University of Nebraska Medical Center Rural Health Complex located on the campus of the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

The \$60 million shall be appropriated from the federal funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recover Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Public Law 117-2, Subtitle M, Sec. 9901. Prior to the transfer of federal funds, the University of Nebraska shall report to the DAS Budget Administrator the receipt of \$25 million in private or other funds for the purpose of establishing the proposed facility.

LB 721 also appropriates \$XX million in general funds beginning FY22-23 to the University of Nebraska for the expanded academic programs and operating budget of the proposed University of Nebraska Medical Center Rural Health Complex.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Robert Hilkemann