



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 1158**

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**Chairperson:** Ron Raikes  
**Committee:** Education  
**Date of Hearing:** February 12, 2008

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

LB 1158 would address the long standing issues of poverty and unemployment in the Omaha area by means of grants administered by the Board of Governors of Metropolitan Community College.

The Board of Governors would partner with private, nonprofit organizations that provide both life skills and job training to those individuals living in a high poverty area in a city of the metropolitan class.

The nonprofit organization would be required to provide a dollar for dollar match for all funds that they received from this program. These funds would be used to identify employment opportunities in or near to the areas of poverty and offer needed job training to those individuals in need of such assistance. The nonprofit organizations would also work with area schools to educate students of job opportunities in the area and to assist with job training as needed.

Up to \$400,000 per year would be made available to fund this program from the Nebraska Advantage Fund from fiscal year 2008-09 to fiscal year 2012-13.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Brad Ashford**