



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 435

Chairperson: Philip Erdman
Committee: Agriculture
Date of Hearing: January 29, 2007

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

Legislative Bill 435 requires the Nebraska State Fair Board, in conjunction with the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County, and the State Building Division of the Department of Administrative Services, to develop a Nebraska State Fairgrounds Master Plan. The plan shall include:

- A current and updated plan for the use of the Nebraska State Fairgrounds by the Nebraska State Fair Board over the next 15 years;
- A 15-year cash flow analysis of the capital, maintenance, and operational costs associated with the 15-year master plan;
- The status of deferred maintenance and infrastructure needs at the end of the 15-year period;
- An economic cost-benefit analysis of the state and local benefits associated with the plan, and;
- An analysis of the costs and benefits, together with potential savings in capital and operating costs associated with co-location of the State Fair and the Nebraska State Fairgrounds with another agricultural exposition facility at a site other than the Nebraska State Fairgrounds.

The Nebraska State Fairgrounds Master Plan, including recommendations on how to proceed to implement the plan, shall be provided to the Legislature and the Governor by November 1, 2007.

LB 435 also requires that until 6 months following the submission of the plan, no funds shall be dispersed for improvement, construction, or renovation of buildings, facilities, and grounds on the Nebraska State Fairgrounds, with the exception of funds deemed necessary by the Nebraska State Fair Board for fire or life safety and general maintenance and repairs.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Ron Raikes