

# One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

### LB99

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**Chairperson: Senator Abbie Cornett**

**Committee: Revenue**

**Date of Hearing: February 25, 2011**

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

LB 99, the NE Film Advantage Act, provides grants to eligible public or private production companies on location in Nebraska producing a feature film, independent film, documentary or television production. The bill creates the Nebraska Film Advantage Fund out of the Local Civic, Cultural and Convention Center Financing Fund. The Department of Economic Development will facilitate the application and funding processes.

Grant eligibility requirements include:

- 1) the company must spend \$1,000,000 in below-the-line costs in the state;
  - a) Below-the-line costs are expenses related to elements of production staff, including but not limited to labor costs of crew, camera and equipment rentals, construction, wardrobe and transportation costs.
- 2) the production must include at least ten NE employees working on set or in production in the state;
- 3) the company must match the funds provided by the state.

A maximum of \$500,000 per project and a maximum of \$1 million per company may be granted.

At the conclusion of the project, a representative of the production company must certify via affidavit that 1) the grant eligibility requirements were met; 2) the state of Nebraska was recognized in the film credits; and 3) the film has an anticipated rating of G, PG, PG-13 or R.

The bill has a sunset date of June 30, 2012.

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

**Senator Colby Coash**

