

One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB334

Chairperson: Senator Heath Mello

Committee: Appropriations

Date of Hearing: March 18, 2013

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

LB 334 would appropriate an additional \$2.5 in General Funds to the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Program in Fiscal Year 2013-14 and \$5 million in General Funds to NOG in FY 2014-15.

The Nebraska Opportunity Grant Program provides need-based financial aid to college students in all sectors of higher education in Nebraska. There has been no increase in general fund support for this program since Fiscal Year 2007-08.

Nebraska ranks 40th in the nation in the percentage of state expenditures for higher education that are allocated to need-based aid, as compared to funds for operations for institutions.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Jeremy Nordquist