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Introducer's Statement of Intent

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Chairperson: Senator Kate Sullivan

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing:

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

Amends section 9-812(4)(d) and (e) of the Education Innovation Fund, to authorize up to \$145,000 for fiscal years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 to implement section 79-759.

Section 79-759 authorizes the Department of Education to administer a pilot program of standard college admission tests, selected by the State Board of Education, to students in the eleventh grade who are attending a public school in a participating school district. The pilot program: (1) would improve the college-going rate and career readiness of Nebraska students; and (2) could be utilized as the assessment for the one grade in high school as statutorily required.

On or before September 1 each year thereafter through 2016, the Department shall report to the Governor, the Clerk of the Legislature, and the chairperson of the Education Committee of the Legislature on the findings or results of pilot project.

Senator Bill Avery