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LB 543

CLERK: Read LB 543. There are no committee amendments. There is an amendment offered by Senator Labedz.

PRESIDENT: Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, LB 543 is the intent bill that accompanies the appropriations for post-secondary education. Section one merely indicates that, Section two directs the Department of Administrative Services to monitor the expenditures by the various agencies in accordance with program classification structure which is the method of reporting that we are using now for budget requests this year and we will use it to some extent next year for at least for purposes of review by both our staff as well as the Governor's staff and to some extent for committee hearings. In the case of Section three, it relates to work of trustees, instructing them that the instructional improvement funds which we...I indicated to you was appropriated directly to them \$260,000 which is 4% of their instructional cost collectively for the agencies and that it just merely directs them what those funds are to be used for which is improvement of instructional programs. Incidentally one of the reasons that we put it in here is that in some cases these funds have not merely been used for instructional programs but maybe increased utility costs or something like this and the intent is to improve instruction and not to be used for some other purpose such as that. Included also in this language is the same thing I went through a little bit earlier as to which programs we did approve funds for as well as which ones...an indication of those requests for those improvement programs that were not recommended by the committee to the Legislature. Another request of the Board of Trustees is to insure that where student fees are charged that they are used for student related activities and not for instructional programs and requests to refile back here with us next year as to how their student fee money is utilized and we have been attempting to get some uniformity between the various post secondary institutions with the use of student fees and that they are not used for instructional programs or for other purposes that are not generally intended. Section 5, deals with the University of Nebraska Lincoln indicating that some capitation funds for the pharmacy school in the amount of \$75,979 should those funds not come through that there is general funds available to replace them, and there is some indication in this case that they may not, and if they don't then the general fund could be used, but the federal funds come through the general fund money will lapse back to the general fund of June 30, 1978, also is the directions on page 4, 9 through 16 of how funds should be used for the Goodrich program at UNO, assurance that at least 30 additional students from the increase in funds that were approved are recipients of this program. It also contains language that is consistent with the language that Senator Dworak and I were discussing relative to overhead money, in fact it is the same language that was placed in the appropriations bill itself just a moment ago. On page 5, the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, this is language that contains, continues the under graduate education program that was started two years ago with no adjustment or no increase in the basic dollar amount. Only adjustments in the salary changes that were approved throughout the bill, but insures that the program itself for under graduate improvement will continue. Then the next language is directed

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