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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 486

Chairperson: Senator Ron Raikes
Committee: Education
Date of Hearing: February 12, 2001

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

The mission of career and technical education is to develop the capacity of individuals to be productive and successful in work, family, and community. Career and technical education creates opportunities for students to learn core academic competencies, technical competencies and basic employment skills, explore a variety of career options, and prepare for postsecondary education, careers, and lifelong learning.

LB 486 is one step toward reaching this mission. The bill 486 proposes to create a grant program for career and technical education. Schools, or educational service units acting on behalf of a consortium of schools, may apply for grants to:

1. implement programs to measure student achievement and progress in career and technical education; and
2. support the costs of staff development or other activities designed to improve the learning opportunities for career and technical education students based on the data from the measurement of student achievement and progress.

In addition, the State Department of Education will conduct feasibility studies of the assessment instruments used to measure student achievement and progress under the program to determine if these assessment tools will fulfill the current assessment requirements found in Nebraska Statute 79-760.

Principal Introducer: _____
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