



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 546

Chairperson: Mick Mines
Committee: Banking, Commerce and Insurance
Date of Hearing: February 22, 2005

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

LB 546 is intended to encourage the regional economic development that is occurring statewide through the Nebraska Opportunities Zone Act. This zone would encourage specific industries well suited to Nebraska, by means of multi-county commissions. These commissions would focus attention on the regions of Nebraska and on advocating solutions to the challenges they face by means of regional cooperation.

It creates the Eastern Nebraska Innovation Zone, which is centered along the I-80 corridor between Lincoln and Omaha.

This commission would be comprised of local and county representatives as well as those from neighboring community colleges, Natural Resources Districts and representatives from the University of Nebraska.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Pam Brown