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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB248

Chairperson: Senator Joni Albrecht

Committee: Business and Labor

Date of Hearing: January 23, 2017

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

Legislative Bill 248 adopts the Youth Opportunities in Learning and Occupations Act which practices early investment in the young people of this state by teaching young people the skills necessary to succeed in employment. The Act further establishes a fund, administered by the Nebraska Department of Labor, which provides grant funding to employers and nonprofit corporations to help:

1. Teach young people the soft skills, like personal attributes and interpersonal skill, necessary to succeed in employment;
2. Prepare young people to enter the workforce;
3. Develop marketable skills and competencies, increase earning power, and secure jobs for young people who successfully complete training;
4. Provide career counseling to assist young people in analyzing marketable skills and connecting those skills with current jobs that are in demand occupations;
5. Reduce unemployment for young people within this state;
6. Provide a basis for employees to successfully increase skills to access higher positions;
7. Engage employers in preparing young people for gainful employment;
8. Prepare young people to fulfill the employment needs of businesses in this state; and
9. Assist in identifying and developing young people to fulfill the demand for skilled workers in this state.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Burke Harr