A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska for economic competitiveness initiatives that seek to advance strategic, multicampus initiatives that serve Nebraskans; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,
Section 1. There is hereby appropriated (1) $10,000,000 from the General Fund for FY2015-16 and (2) $20,000,000 from the General Fund for FY2016-17 to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, for Program 781, for the University of Nebraska economic competitiveness initiatives.

Sec. 2. It is intended the University of Nebraska Central Administration, upon approval of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, distribute the funds appropriated in section 1 of this act to advance strategic, multicampus initiatives that will advance Nebraska’s economic competitiveness, including, but not limited to:

(1) the Peter Kiewit Institute;
(2) Nebraska Innovation Campus;
(3) Building a Healthier Nebraska Kearney Health Science Programs;
(4) the Rural Futures Institute;
(5) the National Strategic Research Institute;
(6) STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) initiatives;
(7) the Nebraska Advanced Biomedical Technology Innovation and Discovery Institute;
(8) Nebraska Business Development initiatives; and
(9) Veteran workforce development initiatives.

Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.