

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB611

Chairperson: Senator John Stinner

Committee: Appropriations

Date of Hearing: March 09, 2017

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

During the last fiscal year, federal receipts were approximately 30 percent of the state's total appropriations. Currently, federal grant applications are initiated and managed by each agency individually. While federal funds are appropriated in budget bills, they are typically shown as estimates, and the commitments incurred or other maintenance of effort requirements are typically only known to the agencies dealing directly with the funds.

LB611 bill would require the annual reporting of federal funds received by agencies participating in the state budgeting process. The report will also require each agency to report operating plans in the event federal receipts are reduced by 10% or more and 25% or more. This is necessary so that the executive and legislative branches are prepared to act in the best interests of Nebraska's stakeholders should funding be reduced.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator John Stinner