

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB565

Chairperson: Senator Bruce Bostelman

Committee: Natural Resources

Date of Hearing: February 01, 2023

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

The bill allocates \$250,000 in FY2023-2024 and FY2024-25 from the General Fund to the Department of Economic Development for the purpose of providing grants to any public power district that serves a majority of counties in the state. The grants are to be used for engineering and modeling work to prepare and support the state in competing for one of the United States Department of Energy's regional clean hydrogen hub designations and associated federal funding.

In addition, the bill requires the Department of Economic Development to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the program.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Bruce Bostelman