

**One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB787**

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**Chairperson: Senator Dave Murman**

**Committee: Education**

**Date of Hearing: January 31, 2023**

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

LB787 creates the STEEM Development Act and establishes a grant program through the Department of Education to provide innovative curriculum and learning resources for Nebraska middle schools and high schools related to science, technology, engineering, entrepreneurship, and mathematics (STEEM). Grants may be awarded to three-dimensional game-based learning platforms with the goal of increasing student engagement in STEEM fields and creating a skilled workforce to allow Nebraska to attract, retain, and expand businesses necessary for long-term economic development. Grant recipients must provide access to and use of its learning platform to all Nebraska school districts.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Justin Wayne**