

**One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB94**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathleen Kauth**

**Committee: Business and Labor**

**Date of Hearing: February 03, 2025**

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

The intent of the Digital Skills Empowerment Act is to bridge the digital divide in Nebraska by establishing programs that offer digital skills training, apprenticeships, and employment support to residents in economically disadvantaged areas, particularly in qualified census tracts. This initiative aims to drive economic growth, diversify the workforce, and create pathways to high-demand digital careers.

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

**Senator Terrell McKinney**