

# **One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB1080**

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**Chairperson: Senator John Murante**

**Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs**

**Date of Hearing: February 18, 2016**

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

The purpose of this legislation is to increase the purchasing limit for Cornhusker State Industries (CSI), the Department of Corrections industries program, from \$25,000 to \$50,000. The legislation also provides that materials used in the production of goods and services by CSI can be recycled and the proceeds be retained by CSI as part of their enterprise fund.

CSI provides employment for inmates in a number of areas and operates as a business, which is why CSI has been allowed to purchase directly from vendors rather than going through the Department of Administrative Services. The limit on these purchases has been \$25,000 since the 1980's and has become an obstacle to purchasing parts and components in the most cost-efficient manner. Increasing the purchase limit to \$50,000 will allow for volume buys at lower rates, improve efficiency and allow CSI to continue to provide valuable job skills to inmates for many years to come.

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

Senator Les Seiler