

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB334

Chairperson: Senator Burke Harr

Committee: Business and Labor

Date of Hearing: February 09, 2015

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

LB334 seeks to repeal the Nebraska Workforce Investment Act found at Neb. Rev. Stat. §§48-1616 to 48-1627. On July 22, 2014, President Obama signed into law the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014. The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act repeals the Workforce Investment Act. The Nebraska Workforce Investment Act was written to comply with the federal version of the Workforce Investment Act and is not in compliance with the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

The United States Department of Labor has advised the states that preliminary federal regulations for implementing the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act will be delayed until later this spring and final regulations will not be published until at least January 2016. Until further federal guidance is received, implementation of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act in Nebraska can proceed through executive order.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Heath Mello