

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB789

Chairperson: Senator Heath Mello

Committee: Appropriations

Date of Hearing: February 11, 2016

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

LB789 will reduce costs and permit more efficient administration by the Nebraska Arts Council. This will allow for a greater amount of money to accumulate in the art maintenance fund, avoiding additional appropriations.

The bill:

1. Permits the agency that is contracting for a work of art with the selected artist to negotiate the installation costs with the artist. This will result in a cost savings to the contracting agency.
2. Removes the 2010 revision that only ten percent (10%) of the fee the Nebraska Arts Council receives for administering a "1% for Art" project can be allocated to the maintenance fund. Removing this provision will allow the fund to grow more quickly to meet the demand for repairs of art in the existing "1% for Art" inventory.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tanya Cook