

**One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB1277**

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**Chairperson: Senator John Stinner**

**Committee: Appropriations**

**Date of Hearing: February 09, 2022**

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

LB1277 provides a portion of the funds allocated to the State of Nebraska from the federal Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Fund pursuant to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to county agricultural societies with facilities within a city of the primary class. Such funds shall be used for critical upgrades that have been delayed due to revenue losses from the COVID-19 pandemic with the goal of (i) providing aid to facilities that provide significant tourism and visitor opportunities for Nebraska, (ii) increasing education, innovation, and entrepreneurship opportunities in the agricultural industry, and (iii) investing in infrastructure projects that expand the economic benefits of significant tourism and visitor attractions.

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

**Senator Robert Clements**