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

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

## LB945

## **Chairperson: Senator Lynne Walz**

**Committee: Education** 

Date of Hearing: February 01, 2022

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

LB945 would create the Teach in Nebraska Today Act. It is intended to attract and retain teachers in Nebraska.

It would allow full-time teachers in Nebraska to receive \$5,000 per year, for five consecutive years, for a life time total of \$25,000 for the repayment of student loans. The program would be capped at \$5 million in each fiscal year and would be administered by the Department of Education.

Applicants must have a signed contract to teach in Nebraska and meet any other requirements to teach in Nebraska. The program would be available to teachers in both public and private schools, for grades K-12. Applications would be due in April of each year.

If full funding is not available, the repayments would be prorated, with first priority going to returning applicants.

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

Senator Lou Ann Linehan