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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB964

Chairperson: Senator Dave Murman

Committee: Education

Date of Hearing: February 12, 2024

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

LB964 is a bill to adopt the Special Education Teacher Forgivable Loan Program Act. LB 964 would assist individuals studying to become special education teachers by supporting forgivable loans to those individuals who commit to teaching in Nebraska following their certification as a teacher with a special education endorsement. The program is to be administered by the Nebraska Department of Education.

This would only apply to Nebraska State Colleges and the University of Nebraska. Up to twenty-five students per institution per academic year may awarded forgivable loans by the department.

The eligible student shall begin teaching special education at a Nebraska elementary or secondary school within one year after graduating with a degree in education and must remain employed for five consecutive years to receive the full benefit of the loan forgiveness program.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator George Dungan