

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2024
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB582

Hearing Date: Tuesday January 31, 2023
Committee On: Banking, Commerce and Insurance
Introducer: Moser
One Liner: Adopt the Manufacturing Modernization Pilot Investment Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Aguilar, Ballard, Bostar, Dungan, Jacobson, Kauth, Slama,
von Gillern
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Mike Moser
Michael Johnson

Anwar Rida
Keith Mandachit
Al Busboom
Jeff Morris
Nick Cusick

Opponents:

Neutral:

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Nebraska Chamber / Nebraska Economic
Developers Assoc. / Greater Omaha Chamber /
Lincoln Chamber
TMCO Inc.
Huffman Engineering
BEHLEN Manufacturing
Schnieder Electric North America
Self

Representing:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 582 would adopt the Manufacturing Modernization Pilot Investment Act (Act). The Act seeks to enhance the economic development of Nebraska by aiding the manufacturing sector. It would do so by providing one-time grants to eligible manufacturing operations to assist their operations with capital investments in qualified investments that will increase, and lead to the adoption and integration of, smart technologies and increased productivity in existing manufacturing operations located. The bill would provide, section by section, as follows:



Section 1 identifies the sections that make up the Act.

Section 2 identifies the purpose of the Act.

Section 3 provides for four (4) definitions used in the Act.

Section 4 adds a section creating the application requirements for those seeking grants under the Act, and provides for how the Department of Economic Development (DED) will approve those applications.

Section 5 provides an end date for all applications received by the DED under the Act. The section also states that any eligible manufacturing operation that no longer meets the requirements of the Act shall repay any grant funds received under the Act.

Section 6 adds a section creating the Manufacturing Modernization Pilot Investment Fund and states that the DED shall administer those funds to make grants under the Act.

Section 7 adds a section stating the intent of the Legislature to appropriate funds from the General Fund for purposes of carrying out the Act. The Bill does not currently state how much in funds shall be appropriated.

Section 8 creates a section allowing the DED to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the Act.

Section 9 is an emergency provision.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 2280 amends LB 582 in a number of ways. It decreases the maximum grant amount per applicant from \$250,000 to \$150,000. It also funds the Act by adding language to fund the Act with \$2,500,000. Finally, date references to the year 2023 are changed to 2024 since the bill did not pass in 2023.

Julie Slama, Chairperson

