

**One Hundred Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2024**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB1103**

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**Chairperson: Senator Tom Brewer**

**Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs**

**Date of Hearing: January 25, 2024**

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

The bill expands the Nebraska Tourism Commission's grant program to allow for financial incentives that reduce total bid prices for Nebraska locations to be chosen as event sites for national shows. The bill also requires at least 35 percent of awarded grants to be in counties with populations less than 100,000.

This will help Nebraska communities seeking national shows to be more competitive with other states that receive funding due to their facilities being state-owned.

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

**Senator Raymond Aguilar**