## One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023

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

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**Chairperson: Senator Bruce Bostelman** 

**Committee: Natural Resources** 

Date of Hearing: February 15, 2023

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

LB281 will provide grants to to 501(c) non profit organizations for the purpose of building or renovating youth outdoor education facilities.

The grants will require a minimum 25 percent match from the applicant.

LB281 will transfer 50 million dollars from the general fund to the Department of Economic develop who will oversee and grant the funds.

No single applicant can receive more than thirty million dollars.

Preference will be given to any applicant that intends to use the grant to rebuild a youth outdoor education camp facility that was damaged due to a natural or man made disaster such as the 4H camp at Halsey that was destroyed in the wild forest fire in 2022.

Principal Introducer:			
	Senator Mike Jacobson		