

# **One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023**

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

### **LB771**

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**Chairperson: Senator Tom Brewer**

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

**Date of Hearing: February 23, 2023**

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

LB 771 is introduced with a focus on retaining and recruiting missions at Offutt Air Force Base; namely, the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA). LB 771 would establish a pilot grant program for one year at \$200,000. The program would be administered by the Department of Veterans' Affairs, and it would be awarded to any qualifying postsecondary institution that partners with the DPAA to assist in the accounting of United States servicemembers and civilians missing from designated past conflicts. This grant would offer support to existing partnerships.

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

**Senator Rita Sanders**