



LB 162 Testimony
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- By 2018, it's projected that more than 66 percent of all jobs in Nebraska will require some postsecondary training beyond high school. Furthermore, it's estimated there will be 127,000 jobs in Nebraska that require at least an associate's degree.
- LB 162 takes an important step toward trying to increase the number of Nebraskans who possess at least an associate's degree. The practice described in this bill is known as "reverse transfer" and it's become increasingly common nationwide.
- We do acknowledge this bill could add to the workload of the state's public four-year and two-year institutions. However, we believe the additional work would be minimal and could greatly benefit certain students. Ultimately, the onus would be on the students to take advantage of this potential opportunity to earn an associate's degree. We hope, if given the chance, eligible students affected by this bill would choose to earn their associate's degree *and* continue on to earn a bachelor's degree. Regardless, students are better off with a degree, whether it's an associate's, bachelor's, or both. Furthermore, the state of Nebraska is better off with an increased number of residents with a postsecondary degree.
- One final note: Section 3 of the bill calls for the Coordinating Commission to collaborate with the community college boards of governors, the State College System's Board of Trustees, and the University of Nebraska's Board of Regents to develop the notification process. We would be pleased to carry out that task.