

LB 466 Testimony Marshall A. Hill, Executive Director March 5, 2013

• The Coordinating Commission authorizes non-public colleges and universities that operate in Nebraska. The Commission authorizes institutions that have their home campus in the state and out-of-state institutions that operate in Nebraska. Nearly every state has an agency similar to the Coordinating Commission, and this approval authority is common.

• In 2011 we thoroughly revised the statues under which that work is done. In that revision, we set aside as a separate group those institutions that had been operating in the state for at least 20 years. Because of their long-standing operation, they are not required to seek periodic renewal of their authorization to operate.

• The proposed bill clarifies that provision and makes clear that institutions that met that provision prior to amendments made last year continue to be deemed "authorized to operate on a continuing basis."