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LEGISLATIVE BILL 438

Introduced by McDonald, 41; Aguilar, 35; Carlson, 38; Flood, 19;
Hansen, 42; Harms, 48; Howard, 9; Johnson, 37; Kruse,
13; Stuthman, 22;

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Committee: Appropriations

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds to the
- 2 Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. The mission of Area Health Education Centers
2 is career awareness and recruitment and retention of medical
3 allied health professionals in underserved areas. The Area Health
4 Education Centers located throughout Nebraska are important to
5 the State of Nebraska in maintaining easily accessible health
6 services in underserved areas, recruitment and training of health
7 professionals, continuing education for health professionals, and
8 partnerships with other agencies with similar goals. The Area
9 Health Education Centers are not-for-profit organizations governed
10 by local boards of directors. Funding is provided through a
11 contractual relationship with the University of Nebraska Medical
12 Center. Federal funding for the Area Health Education Center
13 program is authorized in Title VII of the Public Health Service
14 Act. Area Health Education Center programs are eligible for federal
15 funding for a maximum of twelve years. Nebraska's funding will
16 begin to decline in 2007 with funding ending in 2011. It is the
17 intent of the Legislature to replace lost federal funds with state
18 general funds for Nebraska's Area Health Education Centers.

19 Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated \$320,000 from the
20 General Fund for FY2007-08 and \$625,000 from the General Fund for
21 FY2008-09 to the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska,
22 for Program 781, to replace lost federal funds for Area Health
23 Education Centers.