



Innovation Priority: Accelerate Nebraska Manufacturing’s Tech Transformation

LB 582 (Senator Moser): Adopt the Manufacturing Modernization Pilot Investment Act

Hearing Date: January 31, 2023, 1:30pm in room 1507 in the Nebraska State Capitol

Bill Objective:

- Create a one-year pilot program to advance manufacturing modernization in Nebraska while gauging the extent of existing need across Nebraska’s manufacturing sector.
- The pilot program will also seek to address ongoing workforce shortages in Nebraska’s manufacturing sector.
- Offer manufacturers large and small the opportunity for a 1:1 match to invest in the adoption and integration of smart technologies in existing manufacturing operations to unleash growth in Nebraska’s largest GDP-driving sector.
- Ensure the global competitiveness of Nebraska-made goods by stimulating private investment in virtual and augmented reality applications, tech-enabled production, efficiency, and research and development.

Pilot Program Details:

NE Manufacturing Modernization Pilot Investment Act			
Funding	Award	Eligibility	Acceptable Uses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one-time grant program to be administered by the Department of Economic Development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to \$250K • 1:1 match 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible Manufacturer regardless of size (NAICS Code 33-35) • Business must be established for at least three years prior to application. • Must employ a minimum of three full-time employees. • At least 51% of gross revenue must be from the sale of manufactured goods. • Project must be a future investment (not retroactive) • Applicant must describe use of funding in application. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smart technology enhancements, including (but not limited to) hardware, software, or equipment to improve productivity, efficiency, and competitiveness. <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced robotics • 3D printing • Industrial Internet of Things (IIOT) • Sensor Technology • Cobots • Big data and analytics