

LB 632

Nebraska Green Building Advantage

State Senator Heath Mello

LEED® Rating System

- Developed by the United States Green Building Council, (USGBC)
- Internationally recognized rating system that provides third party verification
- Measures by a wide metric of criteria; including: energy savings, water efficiency, indoor environmental quality and more

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- Goal: to provide tax incentives that would encourage Green Building
- Using the LEED Rating System, we tiered tax incentives to the level of LEED certification a project reached
- Would apply to both new construction projects and retro-fitting projects

Tiers within LB 632

- LEED-Certified projects would be eligible for a 10% tax rebate
- LEED-Silver and LEED-Gold projects would be eligible for a 25% tax rebate
- LEED-Platinum projects would be eligible for a 50% tax rebate

2010 Legislation

- Re-introduce LB 632.
- Introducing legislation that requires new state building, including University of Nebraska, construction to be LEED certified.
- Exploring legislation that would create green building criteria that will be required for any affordable housing project applying for state funds through the Nebraska Housing Trust Fund.