

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB249

Hearing Date: Wednesday March 18, 2009
Committee On: Revenue
Introducer: Fulton
One Liner: Change sales tax collection fees

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Adams, Cornett, Dierks, Friend, Hadley, Louden, Utter, White
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Tony Fulton
Jim Otto

Robert J. Hallstrom
Beth Bazyn Ferrell

Opponents:

Jack Cheloha
Gary Krumland

Neutral:

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Retail Federation, Nebraska Restaurant Association
National Federation of Independent Business
Nebraska Association of County Officials

Representing:

City of Omaha
League of Nebraska Municipalities

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 249 would have amended sections 77-2703 and 77-2708 to restore the collection fee received by retailers for collecting sales tax.

LB 249 would have provided that those charged with collecting sales and use taxes, primarily retailers and county governments (in the case of motor vehicle sales) on and after July 1, 2010 would have been able to deduct and withhold from the amount of taxes collected two and one-half percent of the first \$3,000 remitted each month and one-half of one percent in excess of \$3,000 each month as reimbursement for the cost of collecting the tax. Currently, retailers receive two and one-half percent of the first \$3,000 of tax collected for a maximum collection fee of \$75 per month. Furthermore, the bill provided that the fee allowed for collecting these taxes until July 1, 2010 shall be two and one-half percent of the first \$3,000 of tax collected.

Abbie Cornett, Chairperson