

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB83

Hearing Date: Friday February 25, 2011
Committee On: Revenue
Introducer: Coash
One Liner: Rename and repurpose the Local Civic, Cultural, and Convention Center Financing Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Adams, Cornett, Fischer, Hadley, Loudon, Pirsch, Utter
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Pankonin
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:

Sen. Colby Coash
Renee Seifert
Lane Danielzuk
Kevin Howard
Brian Moore
Alice Licht

Representing:

Introducer
Grand Island City & Convention Visitors Bureau
City of Gering Convention & Visitors Bureau
Scottsbluff County Tourism
Nebraskaland Days, Inc.
NE Hotel and Motel Assoc.

Opponents:

Lynn Rex

Representing:

League of NE Municipalities

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

The bill would change the name and purpose of the Local Civic, Cultural, and Convention Center Act. The name would be changed to the Nebraska Tourism Development Advantage Fund. Additional uses for this fund would be authorized. These include providing financial assistance to private tourism entities.

The fund changed by the bill receives 30% of the funds or revenue provided in the Convention Center Support Fund. This revenue comes from the state sales tax turnback from Convention Center projects. The only project currently generating such funds is the Metropolitan Entertainment and Convention Authority (MECA).

Abbie Cornett, Chairperson