ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB597

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 26, 2013

Committee On: Agriculture Introducer: Larson

One Liner: Change provisions relating to county agricultural societies

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Bloomfield, Hansen, Harr, Johnson, Lathrop, Schilz, Wallman

Nay:

Absent: 1 Senator Chambers

Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Tyson Larson Introducer

Alan Wood Nebraska Association of Fair Managers

Tom Schellpeper Stanton County Ag Society

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 597 amends sections 2-259 and 2-264 pertaining to formation and authorities of county agricultural societies. The bill would expand utilization of an agricultural society levy authorized by sec. 2-259 to include the purchase of equipment and removes a limitation in sec. 2-264 on the sale of real estate so that a society is not limited to selling property for purpose of acquiring other real estate.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment (AM346) would substitute new text for the entirety of sec. 2-264 to authorize agricultural societies to exchange or sell real estate and improvements or to lease real estate and improvements. The amendment also expressly subordinates any real estate, improvements or proceeds acquired by exchange, sale or purchase of real estate to any county interest under sec. 2-263 in ag society real estate and improvements acquired with tax levy authority provided in section 2-259.

Ken Schilz, Chairperson