

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB653

Hearing Date: Monday March 04, 2013
Committee On: General Affairs
Introducer: Davis
One Liner: Change and provide for distribution of the gallonage tax on beer

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Bloomfield, Coash, Johnson, Karpisek, Krist, Lautenbaugh, Murante, Schilz

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Sen. Al Davis

Representing:

Introducer

Opponents:

Jim Moylan
Joseph Kohout
Tim Keigher

Representing:

Nebraska Licensed Beverage Association
Associated Beverage Distributors of Nebraska
Nebraska Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association
Nebraska Craft Brewers Guild
Nebraska Grocery Industry Association
Ploughshare Brewing Co., LLC
Empyrean Brewing Co.

Jason Payne
Kathy Siefken
Matt Stinchfield
Richard Lombardi

Neutral:

Hobert Rupe

Representing:

Nebraska Liquor Control Commission

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Section 53-160(1) sets the current excise tax on beer at \$0.31 per gallon. LB 653 increases the excise tax on beer by \$0.05 to \$0.36 per gallon.

Under current law, the excise tax revenue goes to the General Fund. Under LB 653, of the \$0.05 excise tax increase, half of the increase is allocated to the State Patrol Cash Fund and half to counties for law enforcement equal to the amount attributed to each county according to the beer wholesalers' reports.

Russ Karpisek, Chairperson