

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2024
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1197

Hearing Date: Thursday February 08, 2024
Committee On: Revenue
Introducer: von Gillern
One Liner: Change the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Albrecht, Bostar, Dungan, Kauth, Linehan, Meyer, Murman,
von Gillern

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator R. Brad von Gillern
Michael Cassling
Anthony Carrow
Michael Rogers
Mike Markey
Lynn Rex

Representing:

Opening Presenter
NMSC
Nebraska Elite Volleyball
Gilmore and Bell
Arts Council
League of Nebraska Municipalities

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1197 amends the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act to provide a definition for nonprofit organization under the Act; modifies program areas for sports facilities; and adds provisions for privately owned sports facilities matching provisions under the Act for privately owned concert venues.

Section 1. Amends Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-3102 to add a definition for nonprofit organization under the Act; redefines the program area to include either six hundred yards or an equivalent of contiguous property if at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the property that would normally be included in the six hundred yards is unbuildable.

Section 2. Amends Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-3103 to add the ability of a sports arena facility under the section; adds a provision regarding what state assistance can be used for regarding an eligible sports arena facility, including repayment of bonds for a nearby parking facility or commons area and promotion of sporting events open to the



public; also limits the funding of promotion of sporting events to ten (10) years.

Section 3. Amends Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-3104 to harmonize provisions with the Act.

Section 4. Amends Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-3108 to harmonize provisions with the Act.

Section 5. Repeals original sections of the Neb. Rev. Stats. listed in the sections above.

Explanation of amendments:

The Standing Committee Amendment is a white copy amendment that replaces the original bill, and has the following changes from LB 1197: changes wording from nonprofit organization to nonprofit corporation; provides a distinction between publicly owned and privately owned sports complex; eliminates a definition for nonprofit organization; adds school district, community college, and a joint Interlocal Cooperation Act-created entity including a city, village, or county; adds a leasing provision for a governmental purpose to permissible uses; eliminates a provision to limit reimbursement to 50% of the final cost; adds an additional section amending Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 82-335 to add planning expenses, architectural expenses, engineering expenses, live performances, and promotional or marketing efforts for a creative district under permissible uses of funds for grants under such section; and harmonizes various provisions with such changes.

Additionally, the Amendment changed "governmental purpose" to "governmental use" under newly created subsection 4 of Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 13-3103 and added a definition of "governmental use" within Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 13-3102.

Lou Ann Linehan, Chairperson

