



**Ninety-Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2001  
Committee Statement  
LB 614**

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**Hearing Date:** March 1, 2001  
**Committee On:** Natural Resources

**Introducers:** (Coordsen, Burling)  
**Title:** Change Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund provisions

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

- Advanced to General File
  - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
  - Indefinitely Postponed
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**Vote Results:**

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| 8 | Yes                 | Senators Bromm, Bruning, Hudkins, Jones, Kremer, Preister, Schrock, Stuhr |
| 0 | No                  |   |
| 0 | Present, not voting |   |
| 0 | Absent              |   |
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**Proponents:**

Senator George Coordsen  
Senator Matt Connealy  
Tip O'Neill  
  
Dennis Krienert  
Greg Heier  
James Gerking  
Mike Gorka  
Mike Garrett

**Representing:**

Introducer  
District 16  
Association of Independent Colleges and Universities  
Hastings College  
Doane College  
EnTire Recycling  
William Olson  
Mid-America Tire Dealers Association

**Opponents:**

None

**Representing:**

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Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality  
Central States Tire Recycling

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 614 does the following:

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On page 3, lines 18 through 28, and page 4, lines 1 through 26, eliminate all of the restrictions and proscriptions for use of grant monies regarding the recycling of tires or tire waste reduction.

On page 5, lines 5 through 6, adds a category of grant applications submitted for approval between June 1, 1999 and the effective date of this act to be considered for reimbursement, so long as the project contained 25% recycled tire content. The grant may be up to 25% of the product's retail cost and may be funded in fiscal years 2001-02 and 2002-03.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

The Committee amendment to LB 614 does the following:

- Section 1        Strikes the original sections of the bill, and becomes the bill, incorporating all of the provisions of LB 760 as introduced this legislative session.
- Section 2        Prohibits disbursements from grants or loans administered under the Environmental Protection Act for projects related to tire-derived fuel.
- Section 3        Prohibits disbursements under the Waste Reduction and Recycling Incentive Fund for scrap tire processing related to tire-derived fuel.
- \*        Allows grants up to \$1,000,000.00 for new scrap tire projects until June 1, 2004.
  - \*        Strikes language regarding grant monies for studies.
  - \*        Allows persons who applied for a grant between June 1, 1999 and the effective date of this act for the purchase of tire-derived product which utilizes a minimum of 25% recycled tire content to apply for reimbursement on or before July 1, 2002. Reimbursement cannot exceed 25% of the product's retail cost, and may be funded in fiscal years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003.
  - \*        Allows disbursements to political subdivisions for up to 100% of the costs incurred in cleaning up scrap tire collection sites.
  - \*        Strikes obsolete language contained in Section 5.
  - \*        Strikes the reference to a fund that no longer exists and replaces it with general language regarding funds paid by the Department of Environmental Quality.
- Section 4        Repealer
- Section 5        Emergency Clause

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Senator Ed Schrock, Chairperson