

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB215

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 13, 2013
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Schilz
One Liner: Change provisions relating to use of the County Visitors Promotion Fund

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Avery, Bloomfield, Karpisek, Murante, Price, Scheer, Wallman
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Lautenbaugh
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:
Senator Ken Schilz
Tony Moody
Kathy McKillip
Donna Herrick
Andy Pollock
Michael Kosalka
Tim Darby

Representing:
Introducer
Nebraska Hotel & Motel Association
Nebraska Tourism Commission
Nebraska Hotel & Motel Association
Nebraska Travel Association
Metropolitan Hospitality Association
Nebraska Hotel & Motel Association and Metropolitan Hospitality Association

Opponents:
Mike Kelley

Representing:
Douglas County

Neutral:
Kerry Eagan
Larry Dix

Representing:
Lancaster County
Nebraska Association of County Officials

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 215 requires the governing body of the county to use the County Visitors Improvement Fund to promote, encourage, and attract visitors to the county if it is determined the visitor attractions in the county do not require improvement. Currently in law, a governing body may use these funds to promote attractions if the visitor attractions in the county do not require improvement.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment changes the word "shall" to "only." With the change, the amendment provides that if the visitors committee determines that the visitor attractions in the county are adequate, the governing body of the county may only use the County Visitors Improvement Fund to promote, encourage, and attract visitors to the county.

Bill Avery, Chairperson