

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB478

Hearing Date: Wednesday March 01, 2017
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Groene
One Liner: Provide for possession of archery equipment and knives for recreational purposes

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Baker, Chambers, Ebke, Halloran, Hansen, Krist, Morfeld,
Pansing Brooks

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Mike Groene
Jeremy Wood
Lora Wood
Spike Eickholt

Representing:

Introducer
self
self
Nebraska Criminal Defense Attorneys Association

Opponents:

Diane Huebner

Representing:

self

Neutral:

Craig Stover

Representing:

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 478 would provide exemptions to the Nebraska Criminal Code regarding possession of deadly weapons by exempting archery equipment and knives intended for recreational purposes.

The bill would add those individuals subject to harassment protection orders to the list of those prohibited from weapon possession under the criminal code.

LB 478 goes on to state that individuals prohibited from possessing weapons under this section are allowed: possession of archery equipment for "lawful purposes"; or a hunting knife intended for specific purpose, with a recreational license. The bill defines "misdemeanor crime of domestic violence" for purposes of the section and harmonizes provisions.

Finally, LB 478 defines: archery equipment; domestic violence protection order; harassment protection order; and recreational license for purposes of the code section.

Laura Ebke, Chairperson