

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB560

Hearing Date: Thursday February 13, 2025
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Dungan
One Liner: Change provisions relating to innovative tourism grants

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Sanders, Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, McKeon, Wordekemper
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator George Dungan
Mike Markey
Lance Nielsen
Deb Portz
Joe Shaw
Annie Butler
Kristine Jacobson

Lynn Rex
Angie Olson
Kara Weander-Gaster

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Arts Council
Nebraskans for the Arts
Ashland Area Economic Development Corporation
Uniplace Creative District Lux Center for the Arts
Benson Creative District
Iron Horse Arts District - Holdrege and Visit 37/Phelps County
League of Nebraska Municipalities
Fremont Creative District / City of Fremont
River Point Creative District

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

John Ricks
Brent Smoyer

Representing:

Visit Nebraska (Nebraska Tourism Commission)
Nebraska Travel Association

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill proposes changes to a statute governing the awarding of grants from the Nebraska Tourism Commission. It would direct the Commission to prioritize "any city or village with a creative district" in the awarding of innovative tourism grants, and to award up to half a million dollars to any such city or village each fiscal year.



Explanation of amendments:

The amendment eliminates the language relating to prioritization and clarifies the provision limiting grants to half a million dollars to any such city or village in each fiscal year.

Rita Sanders, Chairperson

