

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION -
2008**

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB912

Hearing Date: February 06, 2008

Committee On: Revenue

Introducer(s): (Avery)

Title: Redefine terms for purposes of the Convention Center Facility Financing Assistance Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Placed on General File with Amendments

Vote Results:

6 Yes	Senators Dierks, Janssen, Langemeier, Preister, Raikes and White
1 No	Senator Burling
1 Absent	Senator Cornett
0 Present, not voting	

Proponents:

Senator Bill Avery, Introducer
Mayor Chris Beutler
Don Herz
Michael Nolan
Wendy Birdsall
Jeff Maul
Lynn Rex
Jack Cheloha

Representing:

District 28
City of Lincoln
City of Lincoln
City of Norfolk
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce
Lincoln Convention & Visitors Bureau
League of Nebraska Municipalities
City of Omaha

Opponents:
None

Representing:

Neutral:
None

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or change:

LB 912 would amend section 13-2603 to allow turn-back financial assistance for convention or meeting centers or arenas to include facilities that are both privately and publicly owned. Currently such facilities must be publicly-owned to qualify for state financial assistance. The bill also would extend the reach of the turn-back assistance to publicly or privately owned associated hotels within 450 yards of an eligible facility. Under current law, such an associated hotel must be publicly owned and within 200 yards of an eligible facility.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The Committee amendments restrict the definition of an eligible sports arena facility to arenas with a seating capacity of 16,000 or less for applications filed after February 1, 2008.

Senator Ray Janssen, Chairperson