

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB986

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 16, 2010
Committee On: Agriculture
Introducer: Conrad
One Liner: Authorize grants for electronic scanners and point-of-sale devices at farmers markets

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Carlson, Council, Dierks, Dubas, Karpisek, Schilz, Wallman, Price

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Danielle Conrad
Jessica Kolterman
Pam Edwards
Kate Bolz
Ingrid Kirst

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation
Nebraska Dietetic Association
Nebraska Appleseed
Community CROPS

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 986 would insert express eligibility for grants awarded under the Agricultural Opportunities and Value-Added Partnerships Act for the purchase and deployment of electronic scanners or point-of-sale devices to enhance utilization of federal food and nutrition benefits at farmers markets. Section 3 of the bill amends section 2-5419 which currently enumerates purposes for which grant funds may be expended by inserting a new subsection (j) to add utilization of grant funds for this purpose and related outreach activities. Legislative findings stated in section 2-5414 and enumeration of purposes of the act in section 2-5416 are revised by sections 1 and 2 of the bill by insertion of parallel text.

Tom Carlson, Chairperson