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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB321

Chairperson: Senator Abbie Cornett

Committee: Revenue

Date of Hearing: February 09, 2011

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 321 is a product of the LR 542 budget cutting process. The bill aims to reduce General Fund expenditures of the Nebraska Department of Revenue (department) by making certain changes to the homestead property tax exemption program, which is administered by the department.

Specifically, the bill would change two different statutes governing homestead exemptions.

First, LB 321 would change the homestead assessed value limitation which compares the assessed value of the claimant's homestead to the average assessed value of single-family residential property in the claimant's county of residence. Specifically, LB 321 would amend Neb. Rev. Stat. section 77-3501.01(1) by: (1) changing 100 percent to 80 percent with respect to the value limitation that applies to the average assessed value of single-family residential property in the claimant's county of residence for a claimant whose claim is based on his or her age; and (2) changing 120 percent to 100 percent with respect to the value limitation that applies to the average assessed value of single-family residential property in the claimant's county of residence for a claimant whose claim is based on his or her status as either (a) a qualified disabled individual or (b) a qualified disabled veteran or the surviving widow or widower of such a veteran.

Second, LB 321 would redefine the term "maximum value" for purposes of the homestead exemption. Specifically, LB 321 would amend Neb. Rev. Stat. section 77-3501.01(2) by: (1) changing 200 percent to 150 percent for a claimant whose claim is based on his or her age; and (2) changing 225 percent to 175 percent for a claimant whose claim is based on his or her status as either (a) a qualified disabled individual or (b) a qualified disabled veteran or the surviving widow or widower of such a veteran.

LB 321 would become operative January 1, 2012.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Abbie Cornett