

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB476

Hearing Date: Monday March 04, 2013
Committee On: Business and Labor
Introducer: Carlson
One Liner: Change provisions relating to grants for internships

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Ashford, Hansen, Harr, Lathrop, McGill, Wallman
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Chambers
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:

Tom Carlson
Cathy Lang
Ben Vu
Jeffrey Brooks
Lance Rall
Richard Baier

Leon Holloway
Cory Scott
Abbie Davis

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Department of Economic Development
SkyVu Entertainment
SkyVu Entertainment
Xpanxion
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Omaha
Chamber of Commerce
Duncan Aviation
Duncan Aviation
Xpanxion

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 476 amends the InternNE program. First and second year student students would be eligible for the internships. Minimum week and hourly requirements are replaced with a focus on quality internships in technical and professional areas. Increased grant amounts for distressed areas are replaced with a maximum reimbursement up to 75% or \$5,000 per internship. LB 476 additionally requires the Department of Economic Development to develop an action plan.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment replaces the bill, but keeps the original language with two additions. On page 5, lines 16-22, language is added allowing for an increased grant amount of 75% or \$7,500 (as opposed to \$5,000) if the employer can show that the intern was a Federal Pell Grant recipient at the time of the internship grant application. Language is added on page 7, lines 4-10, requiring the department to market the internship program to high schools and higher education institutions, with a marketing focus on attracting underserved student populations.

Steve Lathrop, Chairperson