

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB 489

HEARING DATE: 3/02/99

COMMITTEE ON: Appropriations

TITLE: (Appropriations Committee) Provide for fees under the Private Postsecondary Career School Act

ROLL CALL VOTE – FINAL COMMITTEE ACTION

Advanced to General File

X Advanced to General File with Amendments

Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

9 Yes Senators Beutler, Brown, Crosby, Engel, Kiel, Lynch,
Matzke, Pederson, Wehrbein

No

Present, not voting

Absent

PROPOSERS

Marge Harouff

Mike Abdouch

REPRESENTING

NE Dept. of Education

NE Council of Private Postsecondary Career
Schools

OPPOSERS

REPRESENTING

NEUTRAL

REPRESENTING

SUMMARY OF PURPOSE AND/OR CHANGES:

LB 489 is a bill relating to the Private Postsecondary Career School Act. Currently, this program is funded by General Funds of \$75,000 with small fees charged to sustain administrative costs. In 1998, LB 1108 was passed requiring the Nebraska Department of Education to develop a new fee structure to make this program strictly cash funded. LB 489 implements a new fee schedule to increase fees for renewal of applications and agent permits, approval to operate branch facilities, achieve accreditation, implement significant program changes or add new programs. The new fee schedule will create cash fund revenues to cover approximately one-third of the current operating costs.

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EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENTS, IF ANY:

The committee amendment allows the State Board of Education to establish fees in excess of those set forth in LB489, beginning on July 1, 2001 instead of July 1, 2002. Fees may not be increased more than 5% once each three years. The board is to consult with the Advisory Council when establishing fee increases.

Senator