



Ninety-Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2003
Committee Statement
LB 576

Hearing Date: February 12, 2003
Committee On: Revenue

Introducer(s): (Landis)
Title: Change and eliminate business incentive tax laws

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File
Advanced to General File with Amendments
X Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

7	Yes	Senators Baker, Connealy, Hartnett, Janssen, Landis, Raikes and Redfield
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Senator Bourne

Proponents:

Senator David Landis
Loran Schmit

Duane Obermier
Margaret Gilmore

Opponents:

Al Wenstrand
David Mussman
Janis McKenzie
Walt Radcliffe
Robert J. Hallstrom
Nicholas Niemann

Neutral:

Michael Nolan
D'Anne Welch

Representing:

Introducer
Husker Ag, KAAPA Ethanol, Oregon Trail,
Platte Valley & Nordic BioFuels
Nebraska State Education Association
Omaha Together One Community

Representing:

Nebraska Department of Economic Development
West Corporation
Nebraska Insurance Federation
Tyson Foods, Inc.
Nebraska Bankers Association
State, Omaha & Lincoln Chambers of Commerce,
Nebraska Bankers, NEDA

Representing:

City of Norfolk
Herself

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 576 would have made several changes in investment incentive law, primarily to the Employment and Investment Growth Act. First, a meatpacking business would not have been eligible for benefits under the Employment and Investment Growth Act. Also, data processing, telecommunications, insurance, and financial services were not eligible under the \$20 million of new investment and zero new jobs qualification level. Second, the qualification levels for investment were increased to reflect inflation since 1987, and were to be automatically adjusted for inflation in future years. The qualification levels for employment were adjusted to reflect the growth in the labor force since 1987 and were adjusted automatically in future years. Finally, the \$3 million of new investment and 30 new employees qualification level were changed to \$8 million in new investment and 20 new employees and limited to projects in a county or counties with a population of less than 100,000.

With respect to other investment and employment incentive acts, the Employment Expansion and Investment Incentive Act would have been repealed outright by the bill. Also, companies receiving benefits under the Ethanol Development Act could not have received benefits under both the Employment and Investment Growth Act and the Invest Nebraska Act under LB 576.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator David Landis, Chairperson