



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2006
Committee Statement
LB 1251

Hearing Date: February 23, 2006
Committee On: Revenue

Introducer(s): (Synowiecki, Bourne, Brown, Connealy, Cornett, Friend, Howard, Janssen, Jensen, Kopplin, Kruse, Mines, Pahls, Dw. Pedersen, Preister, Redfield, Thompson, Wehrbein)
Title: Change and eliminate property tax levy and state aid provisions relating to community colleges

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

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

Vote Results:

6	Yes	Senators Cornett, Janssen, Landis, Preister, Raikes and Redfield
1	No	Senator Connealy
1	Present, not voting	Senator Baker
0	Absent	

Proponents:

Senator John Synowiecki
Randy Schmailzl

Representing:

Introducer
Metropolitan Community College

Opponents:

None

Representing:

Neutral:

Dennis Baack

Representing:

Nebraska Community College Association

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1251 would have amended the budgets limits (section 13-518 & 13-519) and the levy limits (section 77-3442) to exclude community colleges from the operation of both.

Section 4 would have amended section 85-1503, the definitions under the community college aid statutes, to restrict the definition of “aid equivalent student” to students receiving instruction in the state or a county contiguous to this state. Section 5 amended section 85-1517, the levy authority of community colleges, to lift all restrictions on the levy of community colleges.

Section 7 would have amended section 77-1536 to provide that aid to all community colleges for future years be equal to the aid for the prior year plus the percentage increase in aid equivalent students between the two most recent completed years, plus two and one half percent. All aid would have been distributed to all community colleges areas per aid equivalent students under LB 1251.

The bill was to be operative July 1, 2006, and it carried the emergency clause.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator David Landis, Chairperson