



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2005
Committee Statement
LB 716

Hearing Date: February 22, 2005

Committee On: Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Introducer(s): (Engel, Aguilar, Bourne, Brown, Connealy, Cunningham, Erdman, Flood, Foley, Jensen, Johnson, Kremer, Mines, Smith)

Title: Create the Advantage Nebraska Workforce Training Institute as a division of the Department of Economic Development

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

6	Yes	Senators Mines, Redfield, Flood, Jensen, Johnson, Pahls
1	No	Senator Louden
	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Senator Langemeier

Proponents:

Senator Pat Engel
 Duane Matson

Roberta Pinkerton
 Dwayne Probyn
 Dennis Baack
 Richard Baier

Representing:

Introducer
 Behlen Manufacturing Co.
 Nebraska Chamber of Commerce
 Omaha Chamber of Commerce
 Lincoln Chamber of Commerce
 NE Bankers Association
 NE Economic Developers Association
 Metropolitan Community College
 NE Community College Association
 NE Dept. of Economic Development

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 716 (Engel, Aguilar, Bourne, Brown, Connealy, Cunningham, Erdman, Flood, Foley, Jensen, Johnson, Kremer, Mines, Smith) would create the Advantage Nebraska Workforce

Training Institute, as a division of the Department of Economic Development, for the purpose of developing and funding, to be phased in over the next five years, a program to provide at least \$25,000,000 in annual custom job training assistance.

The institute would be authorized (1) to use the programs offered by postsecondary technical schools, community colleges, and other educational institutions, and (2) to reimburse such schools, colleges, and other institutions, and Nebraska employers all or part of the costs of custom training programs.

The institute would be authorized to accept grants of money, materials, services, or property from the State of Nebraska, any federal agency, or any private person or entity.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The committee amendments would strike provisions which would declare intent that the state needs to develop and fund, phased in over the next five years, a program which would provide at least \$25,000,000 in annual custom job training assistance.

Senator Mick Mines, Chairperson