ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB447

Friday February 27, 2009 **Hearing Date: Committee On:** Revenue Introducer: Schilz One Liner: Change a beginning farmer or rancher qualification under the Beginning Farmer Tax Credit Act **Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:** Advanced to General File Vote Results: Aye: 8 Senators Adams, Cornett, Dierks, Friend, Hadley, Louden, Utter, White Nay: Absent: **Present Not Voting: Proponents:** Representing: Senator Ken Schilz Introducer Mark Graff **Beginning Farmer Board** Doug Ewald Department of Revenue Doug Parde Nebraska Cattlemen Jessica Kolterman Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation Opponents: Representing: Neutral: Representing: Summary of purpose and/or changes: LB 447 changes a provision of the Beginning Farmer Act. The change allows net worth guidelines used in the Beginning Farmer Act to be indexed to change each year. The index used to indicate a change in the index will be the Producer Price Index for all commodities published by the United States Department of Labor. The resulting change will be rounded to the next lowest \$25,000 amount. Abbie Cornett, Chairperson