

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB59

Hearing Date: Friday February 27, 2009
Committee On: Revenue
Introducer: Louden
One Liner: Increase liquor taxes and adopt the Citizen Safety Grant Fund Program Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Adams, Cornett, Dierks, Friend, Hadley, Utter
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator White
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Louden

Proponents:
Senator LeRoy Louden

Representing:
Introducer

Opponents:
Walter Radcliffe
John Fordham
Lezlie Maguire
Kathy Siefken
Patrick Vondra

Representing:
Nebraska Liquor Wholesalers Association
Associated Beverage Distributors of Nebraska
Cubby's, Nebraska Petroleum Marketers
Nebraska Grocery Industry Association
Clancy's

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 59 would have created the Citizen Safety Grant Fund Program Act, a program which would have provided grants to assist eligible organizations in addressing violent crimes.

Eligible organization meant the Nebraska State Patrol, a county sheriff's department, or a city police department.

LB 59 described a grant application process as conducted by the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

LB 59 created The Citizen Safety Grant Fund which would have consisted of money collected from an increase in taxes as follows: 5 cents per gallon on beer; 3 cents per gallon on wine not produced in farm wineries, and 7 cents per gallon on alcohol and spirits.

The bill also amended section 53-160 dealing with collection of alcohol, beer, wine and spirits taxes.

Abbie Cornett, Chairperson