ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB571

Hearing Date: Thursday February 26, 2015

Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Introducer: Brasch

One Liner: Provide requirements for the Nebraska Tourism Commission to mark tourism attractions

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Craighead, Garrett, Groene, Hansen, Larson, McCoy, Murante

Nay:

Absent: 1 Senator Bloomfield

Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:Representing:Senator Lydia BraschIntroducerLeRoy LoudenSelf

Kathy McKillip Nebraska Tourism Commission
Andy Pollock Nebraska Travel Association

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 571 gives the Nebraska Tourism Commission the authority to identify significant tourism attractions and to purchase, preserve, replace or modify highway tourism markers.

The bill states that the Department of Roads shall erect, maintain, and determine the exact location of highway tourism markers.

The bill also states that it will be unlawful or any person, public or private corporation, association, or organization to post their own highway tourism marker on public property, public street, road or highway. This will be considered a Class V misdemeanor.

This bill does not restrict the placement of any marker or signage on private property.

John Murante, Chairperson