

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB805**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday January 29, 2020  
**Committee On:** Revenue  
**Introducer:** Wayne  
**One Liner:** Provide an income tax deduction for certain wages paid to individuals convicted of a felony

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Briese, Crawford, Friesen, Kolterman, Groene, Lindstrom,  
Linehan, McCollister

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Justin Wayne  
Scott Smith  
Josh Waltjer  
Jennifer Creager  
Danielle Conrad

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Self  
Self  
Greater Omaha Chamber  
ACLU of Nebraska

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

The bill would create a deduction from adjusted gross income or federal taxable income equal to 65 percent of the wages paid to an individual who has been convicted of a felony in Nebraska or any other state. The deduction covers only the wages paid in the first 12 months of employment. The total amount of the deduction for any one person may not exceed \$20,000.

The deduction would apply to tax years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2021.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The amendment reduces the maximum credit per employee from \$20,000 to \$10,000.

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Lou Ann Linehan, Chairperson