

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB803**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday February 25, 2026  
**Committee On:** Revenue  
**Introducer:** Revenue  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to the listing of taxable tangible personal property

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

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	7	Senators Bostar, von Gillern, Ibach, Jacobson, Kauth, Murman, Sorrentino
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator Dungan
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Testimony:**

<b>Proponents:</b> Senator R. Brad von Gillern	<b>Representing:</b> Opening Presenter
<b>Opponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
<b>Neutral:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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

LB 803 makes a minor technical correction. This bill was intended to be used later in the session for potential tax legislation.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The Committee considered and adopted AM2651, which strikes LB803 and adds LB575 as amended, LB938, LB1116, and LB1154.

LB575 (sections 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, and 24 of AM2651)

LB575 limits political subdivisions' ability to increase property taxes when property valuations exceed the valuations from the previous year. The bill would limit the amount of property taxes collected to the same amount collected the previous year unless overridden by a two-thirds majority vote of the governing body. The bill also moves the joint public hearing window from September to July, to allow more time to adjust budgets following public input. These joint public hearings are required whenever a political subdivision is seeking to exceed the allowable growth percentage in its property tax request. LB575 was amended by AM1977 and such amendment is incorporated into the committee

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amendment.

Testifiers on LB575:

Proponents:

Senator Bob Hallstrom , Opening Presenter  
Doug Kagan, Nebraska Taxpayers for Freedom  
Nicole Fox, Platte Institute  
Bruce Bohrer, Lincoln Chamber of Commerce

Opponents:

Jon Cannon, Nebraska Association of County Officials  
Patrick Brown, City of Grand Island, Greater Nebraska Cities  
Kyle Fairbairn, Greater Nebraska Schools Association, Nebraska Council of School Administrators, Nebraska Rural  
Community Schools Association  
David Black, United Cities of Sarpy County, City of Papillion  
Dennis Meyer, Lancaster County  
Lynn Rex, League of Nebraska Municipalities  
Colby Coash, Nebraska Association of School Boards  
Dean Edson, Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Neutral: None

Committee vote to attach LB575:

Yes: 7 Bostar, von Gillern, Ibach, Jacobson, Kauth, Murman, Sorrentino;  
No: 0;  
Absent: 1 Dungan;  
Present Not Voting: 0;

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LB938 (sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 20, and 23 of AM2651)

LB 938 creates the First-Time Home Buyer Savings Account Act, which allows individuals or couples to contribute to a future purchase of a primary residence and to deduct such contributions from their federal adjusted gross income (AGI). Contributions are subject to annual and total contribution limits. There is also an annual reporting requirement, which the Department of Revenue oversees.

Testifiers on LB938:

Proponents:

Senator Bob Hallstrom , Opening Presenter  
Joey Spellerberg, State Treasurer  
Luke Wenz, Platte Institute  
Dexter Schrodt, Nebraska Independent Community Bankers, Nebraska Economic Developers Association  
Scott Smith, Nebraska Bankers Association  
Justin Brady, Nebraska Realtors Association, Home Builder Association of Lincoln / Metro Omaha Builders  
Association, Nebraska State Home Builders, Habitat Omaha  
Charles Wesche, NeighborWorks Lincoln, Nebraska Housing Developers Association  
Shannon Harner, Nebraska Investment Finance Authority



Opponents: None

Neutral: None

Committee vote to attach LB938:

Yes: 7 von Gillern, Bostar, Ibach, Jacobson, Kauth, Murman, Sorrentino;

No: 0;

Absent: 1 Dungan;

Present Not Voting: 0;

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LB1116 (sections 9, 10, 11, 12, 22, and 25 of AM2651)

LB 1116 amends sections of the Nebraska Revised Statutes to allow second class cities and villages to use funds under the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act for ten years, up from five years; and changes certain provisions about review of applications by the board and quorum for actions taken by the board under the Act.

Testifiers on LB1116:

Proponents:

Senator Teresa Ibach , Opening Presenter

Anthony Carrow, Nebraska Elite Volleyball

Craig Wolf, Wolf Pack Sports Foundation

Jeff Weak, Wolf Pack Sports Foundation

Lynn Rex, League of Nebraska Municipalities

Opponents: None

Neutral: None

Committee vote to attach LB1116:

Yes: 7 von Gillern, Bostar, Ibach, Jacobson, Kauth, Murman, Sorrentino;

No: 0;

Absent: 1 Dungan;

Present Not Voting: 0;

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LB1154 (sections 13 and 23 of AM2651)

LB 1154 amends section 13-3403 of the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act by removing a political subdivision's ability to subtract the prior year's unused property tax request authority from the current year's preliminary property tax request authority. The result is that the unused property tax request authority is included in the calculation for allowable growth and inflation.

Testifiers on LB1154:

Proponents:

Senator Merv Riepe , Opening Presenter

Jon Cannon, Nebraska Association of County Officials

Meg Harris, City of La Vista

Stephen Curtiss, City of Omaha



Opponents: None

Neutral: None

Committee vote to attach LB1154:

Yes: 7 von Gillern, Bostar, Ibach, Jacobson, Kauth, Murman, Sorrentino;

No: 0;

Absent: 1 Dungan;

Present Not Voting: 0;

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### Section-by-Section Summary

Section 1: Names sections 1-8 of the bill as the First-Time Home Buyer Savings Account Act (Act). (LB938)

Section 2: Legislative declaration of the purpose of the Act. (LB938)

Section 3: Defines terms for the Act. (LB938)

Section 4: Allows individuals or couples to create a first-time home buyer savings account beginning January 1, 2027. Outlines procedures for designating beneficiaries, restrictions for account holders and beneficiaries, and investment limits. The investment limits are \$25,000 for single filers and \$50,000 for joint filers with an annual investment limit of \$5,000 and \$10,000, respectively. (LB938)

Section 5: Outlines what money invested in a first-time home buyer savings account can and can not be used for. Sets penalties for unauthorized withdrawals. (LB938)

Section 6: Requires the Department of Revenue to create an annual report form which account holders must file with their annual state income tax returns. (LB938)

Section 7: Outlines what financial institutions are not required to do, or are not liable for, regarding first-time home buyer savings accounts. (LB938)

Section 8: Authorizes the Department of Revenue to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the Act. (LB938)

Section 9: Amends Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-3103 to increase the number of years of funding a second class city or village is eligible for under the Sports Arena Facility Financing Assistance Act from five years to ten years and harmonizes text. (LB1116)

Section 10: Amends Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-3105 to change the review application language from simply holding a hearing after review of the application, to a thirty day timeframe in which to hold a hearing after completing the review. (LB1116)

Section 11: Amends Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-3106 to change the board application decision deadline to be either 30 days from the hearing or from the effective date of the section, whichever is later, for applications submitted before the section's effective date, to 30 days from the hearing for applications submitted after the effective date of the section;



changes the consideration of fiscal and economic capacity to determine if assistance is in the best interest of the state from being required to being permitted; and changes the quorum requirements for actions of the board from a majority of all board members, one of which must be the Governor, to a majority of board members present at the meeting. (LB1116)

Section 12: Amends Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-3108 to harmonize provisions with the changes made to section 13-3103. (LB1116)

Section 13: Amends section 13-3403 of the Property Tax Growth Limitation Act by removing a political subdivision's ability to subtract the prior year's unused property tax request authority from the current year's preliminary property tax request authority. (LB1154)

Section 14: Amends section 77-1315 by adding specific language that details what information is needed on the notice of preliminary valuation that is sent out to taxpayers on June 1 each year. (LB575)

Section 15: Amends section 77-1502 by adding language requiring taxpayers who wish to protest their valuations to provide documentation to the county board of equalization. (LB575)

Section 16: Amends section 77-1601 by replacing references to the Property Tax Request Act with a reference to section 77-1632, regarding property tax requests certified under such section. (LB575)

Section 17: Amends section 77-1632 by adding language clarifying the definition of "property tax request." Also requires a two-thirds majority vote for any political subdivision to exceed the amount of the previous year's property tax request. (LB575)

Section 18: Creates a new statute to require counties, cities, and school districts levying a tax on property within a county to hold a joint public hearing on the topic of budget process and preliminary information on budget impacts. At least one voting member of each political subdivision shall be in attendance at these hearings. Hearings will be held between July 1 and July 15 after 6:00pm and must be held prior to the filing of the adopted budget statements. Organizing the hearing and preparing a report of the hearing shall be the responsibility of the county clerk. Representatives of political subdivisions shall be required to brief the public on the budget process, budget impacts on property tax requests, the prior year's budget and property tax request, and any information that may impact the current year's budget. The public will be allowed to speak at the hearing. (LB575)

Section 19: Amends section 77-1776 by replacing references to the Property Tax Request Act with a reference to section 77-1632, regarding proceeds of a levy in excess of that requested under such section. (LB575)

Section 20: Amends section 77-2716 to add a subsection allowing federal AGI to be reduced dollar for dollar to the amount contributed to a first-time home buyer savings account up to \$5,000 a year for single filers or \$10,000 a year for joint filers. Also allows for recaptured funds to be added to a taxpayers' federal AGI. (LB938)

Section 21: Operative dates.

Section 22: Repealer.

Section 23: Repealer.

Section 24: Outright repealer of the following sections: 77-1630, 77-1631, 77-1633, and 77-1634 which are all the sections of the Property Tax Request Act except section 77-1632 which is retained as amended by this bill. (LB575)



Section 25: Emergency clause.

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R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

