



Ninety-Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2001
Committee Statement
LB 703

Hearing Date: February 8, 2001

Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Introducers: (Kristensen)

Title: Change various statements and reports required under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

7	Yes	Senators Aguilar, Burling, McDonald, Quandahl, Schimek, Smith, Vrtiska
0	No	
0	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Senator Brown

Proponents:

Senator Doug Kristensen
 Frank Daley

Representing:

Introducer
 Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 703 amends the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. The bill eliminates the requirement that committees file a statement of organization with the election commissioner or the county clerk. It also eliminates the requirement to file a campaign statement of any committee with an election commissioner or county clerk.

LB 703 changes how lobbyists will report aggregate expenses for entertainment. The amount reported will include the actual amounts attributable to entertaining Legislative members and officials in the executive branch. If it is impractical to determine the actual cost, the cost is the

average amount per person in attendance multiplied by the number of members of the Legislature or executive branch in attendance.

The bill clarifies when a candidate needs to file a statement of interest. Also, the bill eliminates the requirement for an individual appointed to an office to file a statement of financial interest with the election commissioner or county clerk.

Statute 49-1446.05 dealing with independent expenditures for a covered elective office, is repealed.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The average cost person is defined as the cost of the event divided by the number of persons expected to attend the event.

Senator DiAnna R. Schimek, Chairperson