

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION -
2008**

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB1044

Hearing Date: February 26, 2008

Committee On: Agriculture

Introducer(s): (Raikes)

Title: Create and provide duties for the State Fair Future Commission

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

8 Yes	Senators Chambers, Dierks, Dubas, Erdman, Karpisek, McDonald, Preister, Wallman
0 No	
0 Absent	
0 Present, not voting	

Proponents:

Ron Raikes
Tonn Ostergard
Kent Seacrest
Jim McClurg
James Milliken
Harvey Perlman
Walt Bleich
Janet Labenz
Wendy Birdsall
Dick Campbell
Keith Olsen

Representing:

Introducer – District 25
Friends of Innovation Campus
2015 Vision
University of Nebraska Board of Regents
University of Nebraska, President
University of Nebraska, Chancellor
Self
Friends of Innovation Campus
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce
Fridnes of Innovation Campus
Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation

Opponents:

Jerry Fitzgerald
Donald Dunn
Jay Vavricek
Cindy Johnson
Tam Allan
Kent Gnad
Ken Killion
Lynn Darling
Bruce Kuster
Harry Muhlbach
Dan Reisdorff
John Wessel
John Hansen
Len Schropfer
Richard Halvorsen

Neutral:

Andre Mick
Joe Hampton

Representing:

Nebraska State Fair Board
Grand Island
Grand Island
Grand Island Chamber of Commerce
Nebraska State Fair Board
Fonner Park
Nebraska Association of Fair Managers
Self
Self
4-H, FFA
Self
Self
Nebraska Farmers' Union
Self
Self

Representing:

Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA)
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Summary of purpose and/or change:

LB 1044 would have provided for the creation of a commission and process for relocating the State Fair and directs that the relocation of the fair be completed by August 1, 2012. Section 1 stated legislative findings that the current location is inadequate for purposes of the state fair and further states legislative intent to relocate the fair. The bill states further findings that the land be transferred to the University of Nebraska.

Sections 2 – 6 provide for establishment of a State Fair Future Commission prescribing membership by appointment and assigning the duty, in consultation with the State Fair Board and other stakeholder interests, to recommend a new location for the state fair and to complete a report of its findings and recommendations on or before December 31, 2008. The bill would also have amended §2-101 to remove text specifying that the State Fair be held at its current location and directing that the State Fair relocation be completed by August 1, 2012.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Philip Erdman, Chairperson