



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 389**

Hearing Date: February 1, 2007

Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Introducer(s): (Aguilar)

Title: Change provisions relating to public records

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:

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|---|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 6 | Yes | Senators Aguilar, Friend, Karpisek, Mines, Pahls, Rogert |
| 0 | No | |
| 0 | Present, not voting | |
| 2 | Absent | Senators Adams, Avery |
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Proponents:

Senator Ray Aguilar
Richard Wood
B. J. Reed
Lynn Rex
John Bonaiuto
Alan Peterson
Allen Beermann

Representing:

Introducer
University of Nebraska
University of Nebraska
League of Nebraska Municipalities
Nebraska Association of School Boards
Media of Nebraska
Nebraska Press Association

Opponents:

Jack Gould

Representing:

Common Cause Nebraska

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Current law allows job application materials submitted by applicants, other than finalists, who have applied for employment with a public agency to be withheld from the public by the lawful custodian of the records. In other words, job application materials submitted by finalists may not be withheld from the public. LB 389 changes the definition of finalist.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The committee amendment further defines “finalist.”

With the committee amendment, a finalist includes any applicant who is offered and accepts an interview by a public body or its agents and who reaches the final pool of applicants, numbering four or more, from which the applicant is to be selected. A finalist also includes an original applicant when the final pool of applicants numbers less than four, or an original applicant when there are four or fewer original applicants.

Senator Ray Aguilar, Chairperson