



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 582

Hearing Date: February 23, 2007
Committee On: Revenue

Introducer(s): (Preister)

Title: Create the Nebraska Educational Trust and change the distribution of certain sales tax proceeds

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

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

5	Yes	Senators Burling, Dierks, Janssen, Raikes and White
2	No	Senators Cornett and Preister
0	Present, not voting	
1	Absent	Senator Langemeier

Proponents:

Senator Don Preister
 Karen Kilgarin
 Mary Jane Egr Edson
 Pete McClymont

Representing:

Introducer
 Nebraska State Education Association
 Nebraska State Education Association
 Nebraska Cattlemen

Opponents:

None

Representing:

Representing:
 League of Nebraska Municipalities
 Nebraska Department of Education

Neutral:

Gary Krumland
 Brian Halstead

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 582 would have created the Nebraska Educational Trust for Economic Growth which was to support quality public schools. When the Trust Fund reached \$25 million, the Legislature was to appropriate funds from the Trust Fund to the Department of Education for workforce training programs, early childhood teacher loan forgiveness, teacher salary equity, and research into salary incentives. Funds could have also been appropriated for state aid to schools.

Section 2 would have amended section 77-27,132, to credit to the Nebraska Educational Trust for Economic Growth all of the sales tax collected through the Streamlined Sales and Use Tax system except for proceeds from businesses required to collect tax. In other words, the amount of sales tax to be diverted into the Trust Fund was only that from sellers that have no nexus in Nebraska and are, therefore, not required to collect sales tax in this state.

The bill was to be operative June 20, 2007 and had the emergency clause.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Ray Janssen, Chairperson