



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 609**

Hearing Date: March 5, 2007
Committee On: Business and Labor

Introducer(s): (Carlson)
Title: Adopt the Nebraska Recruitment Promotion Act

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

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

- 7 Yes Senators Cornett, Chambers, Lathrop, McGill, Rogert, White, Wallman
 - 0 No
 - 0 Present, not voting
 - 0 Absent
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Proponents:
Senator Tom Carlson

Representing:
Introducer

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes: LB 609 creates the Nebraska Recruitment Promotion Act. Communities that have not had significant positive population growth in the previous ten years are eligible to apply for grants under this program. There will be a competitive application process and all grants awarded will be used for the purposes of promoting economic development in communities.

Grant recipients must use their funds to create marketing materials and programs which promote the community. The funds may also be used to employ a person to create a city website.

Grants under this Act shall be limited to \$10,000 or less per application and shall be limited to a total of 10 grants during FY 07-08. The bill also creates the Nebraska Recruitment Promotion Fund and appropriates \$100,000 from the general fund for FY 07-08, \$150,000 for FY 08-09, and \$200,000 for FY 09-10.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Abbie Cornett, Chairperson