



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 355

Chairperson: Ray Janssen
Committee: Revenue
Date of Hearing: March 8, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 355 would amend Section 77-1248 regarding the property taxation of airline flight equipment owned by common carriers. This change authorizes the Property Tax Administrator to gather pertinent information and make a similar adjustment to the value of an air carrier's flight equipment as currently exists for the rail transportation industry. Businesses in both the railroad and airline industries have their respective properties centrally assed for property tax purposes. Article 8, Section 7 of the Nebraska Constitution authorizes the legislature to enact laws and separately treat classes of property covered by federal prohibitions against discriminatory state taxation. Both railroads and air carriers have such federal protection. This change would allow the Administrator to make a similar adjustment as expressly authorized for railroads under Section 77-693 thereby avoiding potential illegal discrimination claims.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Abbie Cornett