

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB145

Hearing Date: Thursday March 19, 2009
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Avery
One Liner: Prohibit firearms at schools, colleges, and universities as prescribed

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Ashford, Christensen, Coash, Council, Lathrop, McGill, Rogert
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Lautenbaugh

Proponents:

Sen. Bill Avery
Owen Yardley
Thomas O'Neill
Dennis Baack

Representing:

Introducer
University of Nebraska - Lincoln
Assoc. of Independent Colleges and Univeristies of NE
NE Community College Assoc.

Opponents:

Chris Zeeb

Representing:

NFOA (NE Firearms Owners Assoc.)

Neutral:

Ron Jensen

Representing:

National Rifle Association

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 145 would amend sections 28-1204.03 and 28-1204.04 for the purposes of adding the following institutions to the definition of schools for the purpose of prohibiting firearms from the premises of these institutions unless they are properly stored and safeguarded:

"a private postsecondary career school as defined in section 85-1603, a community college, a public or private college, a junior college, a university, or any other educational institution."

Explanation of amendments:

AM 790 to LB 145 amends section 2 of the bill by providing an exemption for college and university rifle team members to possess firearms on college and university property as part of the requirements for being on the rifle team.

AM 790 also provides that a person employed by a college or university who is part of an agriculture or a natural resources program of such college or university may lawfully possess a firearm within the scope of the persons employment with the college or university.

Brad Ashford, Chairperson