

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)
LB283

Hearing Date: Tuesday January 27, 2009
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Cornett
One Liner: Change community college aid calculations

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Adams, Ashford, Avery, Giese, Haar, Howard, Sullivan
Nay:	1	Senator Cornett
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:

Senator Abbie Cornett
Randy Schmailzl

Representing:

Introducer
Metro Community College

Opponents:

Dennis Baack
Jack Huck

Representing:

Nebraska Community College Assn.
Southeast Community College

Neutral:

Marshall Hill

Representing:

Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Ed.

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 283 would amend Section 85-1503 to change the definition of the terms Class 1 course, Class 2 course, and reimbursable educational unit. The definitions of Class 1 and Class 2 course would be changed to include academic transfer and developmental courses, as well as to include software among the items necessary to offer such courses. The definition of reimbursable educational unit would be amended to strike general academic transfer courses from the courses that receive a weighting of one in the calculation of REUs.

The bill would also amend Section 85-2224 to change the method by which the property tax base for community college areas is determined. Currently, taxable valuations of college areas are determined using figures reported to the Department of Revenue in the most recent Certificate of Taxes Levied. The bill would base valuation on the property attributable to each area in the current year.

Greg Adams, Chairperson