

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB446

Hearing Date: Friday February 27, 2009
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Fulton
One Liner: Provide for a loan repayment program under the Engineers and Architects Regulation Act

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Campbell, Gay, Gloor, Howard, Pankonin, Stuthman, Wallman
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Senator Fulton Jennifer Klein Roger Helgoth Melinda Pearson	Representing: Introducer Professional Engineers Coalition Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects
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Opponents:	Representing:
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Neutral:	Representing:
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 446 requires the Board of Engineers and Architects (board) to provide for the repayment of qualified educational debt owed by an eligible graduate from the Engineers and Architects Regulation Fund.

Qualified educational debt is defined as "government and commercial loans obtained by a student for postsecondary education tuition, other educational expenses, and reasonable living expenses, as determined by the board."

To be eligible for loan repayment, the recipient must be a graduate of (a) a National Architectural Accrediting Board-accredited architecture program in Nebraska or (b) an ABET-accredited engineering program in Nebraska and must have obtained a qualified educational debt.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment (AM 528) permits the board to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations governing loan repayments under the bill.

Tim Gay, Chairperson