

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB926

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 09, 2010
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Rogert
One Liner: Change provisions for information signs along highways

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Campbell, Fischer, Gay, Hadley, Janssen, Loudon, Stuthman
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Lautenbaugh
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:

Senator Kent Rogert
Jim Ballard
Jennifer Reeder

Sharon Schilling

Pat Garnet

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Winery & Grape Growers Association
Deer Springs Winery; Nebraska Winery & Grape Growers Association
Schilling Bridge Winery & Microbrewery; Nebraska Winery & Grape Growers Association
5 Trails Winery; Nebraska Winery & Grape Growers Association

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 926 authorizes winery informational highway signs along a state highway.

The bill includes a definition of winery services to include an operation that has a farm winery license and has restroom facilities and drinking water available.

The bill also amends the qualifications for a tourist-oriented directional sign panel by changing the number of hours the operation is required to be open to the public from 8 hours per day, 5 days a week to 20 hours per week.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment, AM 1942, strikes the original sections and becomes the bill.

The amendment substitutes attraction signs for winery signs in the original bill. Attraction services will include an attraction of regional significance with the primary purpose of providing amusement, historical, cultural, or leisure activity to the public. The attraction will also be required to provide restroom facilities and drinking water, and adequate parking accommodations.

The amendment also lowers the requirements for a qualifying food service to serve at least two meals per day, six days per week. This language is consistent with federal law.

With regard to tourist-oriented directional (TOD) signs, wineries will only be required to be open to the public at least twenty hours per week to qualify for a sign. Any other activity will still be required to be open to the public at least eight hours per day, five days per week, including Saturdays and Sundays, during the normal season of the activity.

Deb Fischer, Chairperson