

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB334

Hearing Date: Monday January 24, 2011
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Education
One Liner: Change and eliminate certain postsecondary education positions and programs

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Adams, Avery, Cornett, Council, Haar, Howard, Schilz, Sullivan

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Greg Adams
Ron Withem

Representing:

Introducer
University of Nebraska

Opponents:

Dave McBride

Representing:

Nebraska Optometric Association

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 334 proposes the statutory changes necessary to implement the Education Committee's LR 542 recommendations pertaining to the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska State College System. The bill would:

- . Repeal language in section 2-3815 that requires the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources to employ a poultry pathologist;
- . Amend sections 38-2620 and 38-2622 to limit eligibility for the Nebraska Optometry Education Assistance Contract Program to students who participated in the program in the 2010-11 academic year. Support for such students would continue for the remaining academic year or years that a student is enrolled in an accredited optometry school, subject to the current limitation provided in section 38-2623;
- . Amend sections 81-1273 and 81-1275 within the Business Development Partnership Act to make operation of the Nebraska Business Development Center at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the small business development centers at University and State College campuses permissive rather than mandatory;
- . Outright repeal section 85-1,104.01, which requires the University's Cooperative Extension Service to employ an aquaculturist. A reference to this position in section 2-5003 would also be eliminated;
- . Outright repeal sections 85-209, 85-210, 85-211, and 85-212 and amend sections 85-214 and 85-215 to eliminate the requirement for the University to operate an agricultural lab in Box Butte County; and
- . Amend section 85-1005 to make the University's request for General Fund support for the Nebraska Safety Center permissive rather than mandatory.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment adds the emergency clause.

Greg Adams, Chairperson