ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB336

Hearing Date: Monday January 31, 2011

Committee On: General Affairs **Introducer:** Karpisek

One Liner: Authorize outside employment for Nebraska Liquor Control Commission employees

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Bloomfield, Brasch, Karpisek, Krist, Larson, McGill,

Schumacher

Nay: 1 Senator Coash

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Representing:

Sen. Russ Karpisek Introducer

Hobie Rupe Nebraska Liquor Control Commission

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Under current law, employees of the Liquor Control Commission are prohibited from having additional employment for a liquor licensee. LB 336 would allow Commission employees to have part-time or seasonal work for a liquor licensee with the approval of the executive director. The executive director or division managers would still be prohibited from working for a liquor licensee.

The Commission recommended this change in the Liquor Control Act to address the issue of employees trying to find other part-time work, but are severely limited due to current restrictions. For example, a Commission employee couldn't work at a restaurant, grocery store or retail store such as Wal-Mart if the establishment operates with a liquor license.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment would prohibit a Liquor Control Commission employee who would otherwise be eligible to work at an establishment that sells or dispenses alcohol from doing so if the establishment receives more than 50% of its gross revenue from the sale or dispensing of alcohol.

Russ Karpisek, Chairperson