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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1170

Chairperson: Senator Bill Avery

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 24, 2012

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Legislative Bill 1170 seeks to create greater transparency and clarification for voluntary contributions to a separate segregated political fund of a corporation, organization, or association.

Similar laws in other states have been called "Paycheck Protection" laws. These laws seek to make sure that employees, officers, directors, stockholders, or members of corporations, organizations and associations have to expressly agree to, *opt-in* to, their dues being used for political activities. These laws are based on the idea that no one should be forced, or through an unknown or unnoticed procedural opt-out process unwittingly contribute to political activities that they do not support. LB1170 seeks to better accomplish this goal in Nebraska.

The bill would amend Section 49-1469.06 by requiring corporations, organizations, and associations that have a separate segregated political fund to provide to its employees, officers, directors, stockholders, or members with knowledge of the previous year's expenditures from such a political fund and their written authorization on an annual basis.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mark Christensen