

One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB319

Chairperson: Senator Abbie Cornett

Committee: Revenue

Date of Hearing: February 09, 2011

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

LB 319 is a product of the LR 542 budget cutting process. The bill aims to reduce General Fund expenditures of the Nebraska Department of Revenue (department) by making certain changes to the homestead property tax exemption program, which is administered by the department.

Specifically, the bill would cap homestead program reimbursements to political subdivisions that levy property taxes at \$75 million per year. If certified claims for such reimbursements exceed \$75 million for any given calendar year, LB 319 would require the Tax Commissioner to determine the amount to be reimbursed by the State of Nebraska on a first-come, first-served basis based upon the dates upon which claims for homestead exemptions were approved.

LB 319 would become operative January 1, 2012.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Abbie Cornett