

**ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB467**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday March 05, 2013  
**Committee On:** Education  
**Introducer:** Avery  
**One Liner:** Provide for interstate reciprocity agreements under the Postsecondary Institution Act

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Indefinitely postponed

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 8 Senators Avery, Cook, Davis, Haar, Kolowski, Scheer, Seiler, Sullivan  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**  
Senator Bill Avery  
Marshall Hill  
Susan Fritz  
Mary Hawkins  
Tip O'Neill

Dennis Baack  
Stan Carpenter

**Opponents:**

**Neutral:**  
Jeff Poley

**Representing:**  
Introducer  
Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education  
University of Nebraska Central Administrator  
Bellevue University  
Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Nebraska  
Nebraska Community College Association  
Nebraska State College System

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

Legislative Bill 467 would amend the Postsecondary Institution Act to allow interstate reciprocity agreements regarding postsecondary distance education and allow fees for applications to modify recurrent authorizations to operate. The Postsecondary Institution Act provides for the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education to authorize postsecondary institutions to operate in Nebraska.

Section 85-2405 would be amended to allow the Commission to enter into interstate reciprocity agreements regarding postsecondary distance education. The Commission would also administer such agreements, approve or disapprove applications from Nebraska postsecondary institutions to participate, establish fees for such applications, and accept or reject authorizations granted by other states pursuant to such agreements.

Additional authorization would also be given to the Commission to establish fees for applications to modify a recurrent authorization to operate. The authority already exists to establish fees for applications for initial recurrent authorizations to operate and for renewals. A recurrent authorization to operate allows a postsecondary institution to operate in Nebraska if the institution has not yet qualified for an authorization to operate on a continuing basis.

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Kate Sullivan, Chairperson