

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB696

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday February 11, 2014  
**Committee On:** Agriculture  
**Introducer:** Haar  
**One Liner:** Prohibit the use of and require labeling of food containers containing Bisphenol A

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

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	6	Senators Bloomfield, Hansen, Harr, Johnson, Schilz, Wallman
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator Chambers
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	1	Senator Lathrop

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**Proponents:**

Senator Ken Haar  
Stacey Skold  
Bob Rauner  
April Sequra  
Gus Ponsting  
Rod Vlcek  
Ken Winston

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Self  
Nebraska Medical Association  
Self  
Lincoln Chapter of Weston A. Price  
Nebraska State AFL-CIO  
Nebraska Sierra Club

**Opponents:**

Mick Mines  
John Lindsay  
Ron Sedlacek

**Representing:**

Nebraska Grocery Industry Association  
Nebraska Beverage Association  
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB 696 would impose the following prohibitions and package labeling requirements pertaining to the use of Bisphenol A BPA in reusable food or beverage containers and in food packaging

beginning January 1, 2015, BPA would be prohibited in reusable food and beverage containers

beginning January 1, 2016, BPA would be prohibited in food packaging for foods consumed by or marketed to children (defined as persons under 12 years old)

beginning January 1, 2016, labeling disclosure would be required for all food packaging containing BPA.

The bill further prohibits manufacturers of reusable food and beverage containers and food packaging from replacing BPA with substances identified as known or likely carcinogens or reproductive toxins.

Enforcement of the bill is assigned to the Department of Environmental Quality. Violations are subject to civil penalty of

ten thousand dollars.

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Ken Schilz, Chairperson