

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LR399

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 05, 2014
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Wightman
One Liner: Recommend the enactment of comprehensive immigration reform

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Report to the Legislature for further consideration

Vote Results:

Aye:	5	Senators Ashford, Chambers, Lathrop, McGill, Seiler
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Christensen
Present Not Voting:	2	Senators Coash, Davis

Proponents:

SEN. JOHN WIGHTMAN
JIM PARTINGTON
DAVID BROWN
LAURA FIELD
DARCY TROMANHAUSER
DAVID PIESTER
JIM CUNNINGHAM
JIM OTTO
EMILIANO LERDA
LAZZARO SPINDOLA
JASEL CANTU

Representing:

INTRODUCER
NE RESTAURANT COALITION
BROWN IMMIGRATION LAW
NE CATTLEMEN
NE APPLESEED
SELF
NE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
SELF AND NEBRASKA RETAIL FEDERATION
JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS OF NEBRASKA
LATINO AMERICAN COMMISSION
LATINO AMERICAN COMMISSION

Opponents:

DOUG KAGAN
MARTY BROWN

Representing:

NEBRASKA TAXPAYERS FOR FREEDOM
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Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LR399 recognizes that federal immigration laws are in need of reforms, that reforms should be fair, protect the borders, and create a strong foundation for the economy, that immigration has been important socially and economically for the U.S., that it is in the best interests of our nation to update or nation's immigration laws, that Nebraska has an interest in immigration laws even though immigration is regulated by the federal government, that communities in Nebraska with immigrant populations are thriving unlike some without large immigrant populations, and that there is pending legislation before Congress that would address many of these factors.

LR399 calls upon the members of Nebraska's federal delegation to enact comprehensive immigration reform, that the reform should secure the borders and recognize the contributions of immigrants and their families to the communities of Nebraska, that reform should protect farmers, small businesses, and working Nebraskans, that that in order to ensure adequate labor to support economic growth and stability, the House should pass H.R. 15, the "Border Security,

Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act," as approved by the Senate, or alternatively should enact similar legislation and that lastly, a copy of this resolution be delivered to the President, to the Speakers of the House and Senate, and to Nebraska's federal delegation.

Brad Ashford, Chairperson