

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB147

Hearing Date: Friday February 06, 2015
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Crawford
One Liner: Change provisions relating to asset limitations for public assistance

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Baker, Campbell, Crawford, Fox, Howard, Kolterman, Riepe
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Sue Crawford
Mary Ann Harvey
Amber Hansen
Aubrey Mancuso

Representing:

District 45
Nebraska Appleseed
Community Action of Nebraska
Voices for Children

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 147 eliminates asset tests for certain public benefit programs, streamlining the application process and creating consistency with related limitations for public benefits assistance. Currently applicants must list the value of numerous different assets, which are then verified by AccessNebraska workers who run separate calculations for each benefit program to determine eligibility. While eliminating asset tests may cause an increase in the number of persons eligible for ADC and SNAP, cost savings could be realized in staffing at AccessNebraska or more timely processing of applications leading to fewer Federal penalties for untimely processing or even reinstatement of bonuses.

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson