

# ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015

## COMMITTEE STATEMENT

### LB17

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**Hearing Date:** Monday January 26, 2015  
**Committee On:** General Affairs  
**Introducer:** Krist  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to transfers to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund

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

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Schilz, Riepe, Larson, Krist, Kolterman, Hughes, Hansen, Coash

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Rodney Krogh

**Representing:**

Senator Bob Krist (Introducer)

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

Page 1, beginning on line 27, LB 17 increases the amount to be transferred from the Charitable Gaming Operations Fund to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund from \$50,000 to \$250,000, but only if the fund contains at least that amount.

On page 3, beginning on line 28, LB 17 would also require the State Treasurer to transfer not less than 5% of the Charitable Gaming Division's advertising budget for the state lottery from the State Lottery Operation Cash Fund to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund to be administered by the Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling. Under current law, the Charitable Gaming Division is responsible for spending this funding for prevention, education, and awareness programs in conjunction with the Gamblers Assistance Program. There is a constitutional question regarding the distribution of State Lottery funds to the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund in the manner described in LB 17. Attorney General Opinion 05009 suggests that LB 17 may conflict with Art. III, Sec. 24 of the Nebraska Constitution in how funds are to be transferred.

Regardless, since the introduction of LB 17, Sen. Krist has indicated that he will be asking the Committee to Indefinitely Postpone the bill and will be seeking funding through other methods and sources.

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Tyson Larson, Chairperson