

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LR380CA**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday January 25, 2016  
**Committee On:** General Affairs  
**Introducer:** Bloomfield  
**One Liner:** Constitutional amendment to change the distribution of state lottery proceeds

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

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	7	Senators Schilz, Coash, Hansen, Hughes, Kolterman, Larson, McCollister
<b>Nay:</b>	1	Senator Riepe
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Dave Bloomfield  
Scott Japp

**Representing:**

Self  
Self

**Opponents:**

Mark Brohman  
Joseph McDermott  
Chris Kircher  
Kristyn Harms  
Jaclyn Heinrich  
Cindy Johnson  
David Sands

**Representing:**

Nebraska Environmental Trust  
Nebraska State Fair  
Nebraska State Fair Board  
Norris High School  
Norris High School/ FFA/ 4-H  
Grand Island Chamber of Commerce  
Nebraska Land Trust and Nebraska Sportsmen's  
Foundation  
City of Lincoln  
Nebraska League of Conservation Voters

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

The Nebraska Lottery began operating on September 11, 1993 and has generated a total of \$581,790,148 for its beneficiaries. In 2004, LR 209CA was passed by the Legislature and was approved by voters as Amendment 4 in the 2004 general election, which established the current allocation of state lottery funds as follows:

Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund.....44 1/2 percent  
Education as directed by the Legislature.....44 1/2 percent  
Nebraska State Fair Board ..... 10 percent  
Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund..... 1 percent  
(in addition to an initial \$500,000)

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LR 380CA would adjust the revenue allocations as follows:

Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund.....26 1/2 percent (-18 percent)  
Education as directed by the Legislature.....65 percent ( 20 1/2 percent)  
Nebraska State Fair Board .....7 1/2 percent (-2 1/2 percent)  
Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund..... 1 percent  
(in addition to an initial \$500,000)

In 2015, \$37,489,054 was allocated to the four beneficiaries as follows:

Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund..... \$869,911  
Education Innovation Fund ..... \$7,305,733  
Nebraska Opportunity Grant Fund..... \$9,155,285  
Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund.....\$16,459,019  
Nebraska State Fair..... \$3,699,106

The allocation for "education as directed by the Legislature" is currently divided between the Education Innovation Fund and the Nebraska Opportunity Grant Fund (renamed in 2010 from the Nebraska Scholarship fund).

If the Legislature were to pass LR 380CA, then the resolution would be presented to the Secretary of State to be placed on the 2016 general election ballot.

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Tyson Larson, Chairperson