

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB356

Hearing Date: Wednesday March 15, 2017
Committee On: Appropriations
Introducer: Bolz
One Liner: Create the Civic Engagement Cash Fund and state intent relating to fund transfers

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Bolz, Hilkemann, Stinner, Vargas, Watermeier, Wishart
Nay:	1	Senator Clements
Absent:	2	Senators Kuehn, McDonnell
Present Not Voting:		

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Sen. Kate Bolz
Suzanne Wise
Amanda Barker
Tiffany Crause
Chris Sommerich

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Arts Council
Nebraskans for Civic Reform
Hastings Downtown Center Association
Humanities Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 356 transfers \$75,000 annually to the Civic Engagement Cash Fund for purposes of funding civic engagement projects such as promotion of volunteerism, nonpartisan voter registration activities and participation, civic education, equality and inclusion in community life, leadership development, non-partisanship, diplomacy, civil discourse, charitable giving, membership in community organizations, neighborhood organizations, and activities that increase confidence in civic institutions. Funds may not be spent on partisan activities, candidate advocacy or on behalf or against ballot initiatives.

Explanation of amendments:

AM652 provides that the Nebraska Arts Council develop and publish guidelines for application, distribution, and awarding of funds. AM652 also provides for the electronic publication of such guidelines.

John Stinner, Chairperson