ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB1013

Hearing Date: Thursday February 13, 2020

Committee On: Revenue Introducer: Linehan

One Liner: Change the cigarette tax and exempt certain transactions

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Briese, Crawford, Friesen, Groene, Kolterman, Lindstrom,

Linehan, McCollister

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Lou Ann Linehan Introducer

David Scott Cheyenne International LLC

Kathy Siefken Nebraska Grocery Industry Association

Sean Kelley Cigar Association of America

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB1013 clarifies that a product taxed as a cigar under Title 26 of the United States Code and as a cigarette for purposes of collecting the state's cigarette tax, shall not be treated as a cigarette for purposes of the Master Settlement Agreement.

The bill has the Emergency Clause.

Explanation of amendments:

The amendment clarifies that a product taxed as a cigar under Federal law and as a cigarette for purposes of collecting the state's cigarette excise tax, shall not be treated as a cigarette for purposes of the Master Settlement Agreement or the Reduced Cigarette Ignition Propensity Act also known as "Fire Safe".

Lou Ann Linehan, Chairperson