

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB962

Hearing Date: Monday February 03, 2020
Committee On: Business and Labor
Introducer: Hunt
One Liner: Adopt the Nebraska Fair Pay to Play Act

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	4	Senators Chambers, Crawford, Hansen, M., Lathrop
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	3	Senators Halloran, Hansen, B., Slama

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Megan Hunt
Jeremiah Sirles
Ramogi Huma
Susan Martin
Ernie Chambers

Representing:

District 8 Senator
Self -- Lincoln
National College Players Association
Nebraska AFL-CIO
Self -- Omaha

Opponents:

Neutral:

Steven Willborn
Garrett Klassy

Representing:

Nebraska Uniform Law Commission
University of Nebraska - Lincoln

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Bill Summary:

LB 962 creates the Nebraska Fair Pay to Play Act. The purpose of the act is to allow college athletes at both public and private schools to earn compensation from use of their name, image, and likeness. The bill permits athletes to sign with a licensed agent and protects them from retaliation for receiving such compensation.

Section-by-Section Summary:

Section 1: Names the Nebraska Fair Pay to Play Act.

Section 2: Defines: Athletic grant-in-aid; Collegiate athletic association; Compensation for use of a student-athlete's name, image, or likeness or athletic reputation; Intercollegiate sport; Postsecondary institution; Professional representation; Sponsor; Student-athlete; and Team Contract.

Section 3: Prohibits any rule, requirement, standard, or limitation to prevent a student athlete from fully participating in a sport because of any compensation the student athlete earns for use of their name, image, likeness, or athletic

reputation. Also prevents collegiate athletic association from punishing any student or institution.

Section 4: Requires the student athlete to disclose any contracts entered into to a person designated by the postsecondary institution.

Section 5: Such contracts cannot require a student athlete to display sponsor's apparel or otherwise advertise during official team activities or conflict with a contract requirement of a team contract.

Section 6: Prohibits a collegiate athletic association from penalizing a postsecondary institution because a student athlete obtains professional representation in relation to a contract.

Section 7: The Act shall not violate any contract in effect on June 30, 2023.

Section 8: Allows any student athlete or postsecondary institution aggrieved by a violation of the Act to bring a civil suit.

Section 9: Updates reference in the Nebraska Uniform Athlete Agents Act.

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Section 11: Establishes an operative date of July 1, 2023.

Section 12: Severability Clause.

Section 13: Repeals the original sections.

Matt Hansen, M., Chairperson