

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SPECIAL SESSION - 2024
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB32

Hearing Date: Wednesday July 31, 2024
Committee On: General Affairs
Introducer: Brandt
One Liner: Redefine terms related to sports wagering under the Nebraska Racetrack Gaming Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Brewer, Cavanaugh, J., Lowe, Hughes, Holdcroft, Hardin
Nay:	1	Senator Day
Absent:	1	Senator Raybould
Present Not Voting:		

Testimony:

Proponents:
Senator Tom Brandt

Representing:
Opening Presenter

Opponents:
Nate Grasz

Representing:
Nebraska Family Alliance

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 32 seeks to remove current prohibitions on sports wagering, specifically on college events involving Nebraska college or university teams playing in a sporting event held in Nebraska, and on prop bets and in-game wagers on Nebraska college or university athletes or games.

Background & Legislative History: LB 561 was passed in 2021, which established the statutory framework for sports wagering in Nebraska. Part of this bill included the language currently found in 9-1103 which excluded making prop-bets on individual athletes participating in a single game or match of a college sporting event in which a college team from Nebraska is participating. Also excluded was placing an in-game wager on any game or match of a collegiate sporting event in which a college team from this state is participating.

AM 1427 was added on the floor which prohibited any sports wagers from being placed on any instate Nebraska college sporting event in which any Nebraska college or university team was participating.

Section 1: amends section 9-1103 by striking language in subsection (3)(b) which currently prevents sports wagering on an instate collegiate sporting event in which an instate college or university team is a participant.



Additionally, language prohibiting placing a wager on the performance or nonperformance of any individual athlete (aka prop bets) participating in a single game or match of a collegiate sporting event in which a collegiate team from this state is participating, and language prohibiting placing an in-game wager on any game or match of a collegiate sporting event in which a collegiate team from this state is participating are stricken from subsection (14)(a) and (b), which will have the effect of making it legal to make prop bets and in-game wagers on Nebraska college teams.

Section 2: is the repealer section.

LB 32 Committee Memo

John Lowe, Chairperson

