

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB78**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday January 22, 2025  
**Committee On:** Revenue  
**Introducer:** Bostar  
**One Liner:** Adopt the Domestic Violence and Sex Trafficking Survivor Assistance Act and change the rate and allocation of the documentary stamp tax

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

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators von Gillern, Bostar, Dungan, Ibach, Jacobson, Kauth, Murman, Sorrentino  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Eliot Bostar  
Jason Stille  
Randi Ezeafulukwe  
Jo Bair  
Kathleen Bauer  
Erica McDaniel  
Jacquelyn LaPlant  
Veronica Pino  
Maureen Brase

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
Lincoln Police Department  
Self  
enCourage Advocacy Center  
Sandhills Crisis Intervention Program  
Catholic Charities  
Catholic Charities  
Catholic Social Services  
Self

**Opponents:**

Korby Gilbertson

**Representing:**

Nebraska Realtors Association, Home Builders of Lincoln / Metro Omaha Builders Association (HBAL / MOBA Coalition)

**Neutral:**

Elaine Menzel

**Representing:**

Nebraska Association of County Officials

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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

LB78 creates the Domestic Violence and Sex Trafficking Survivor Assistance Act (Act) and establishes a new fund to provide for the Act. The Act charges the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to provide financial



assistance for housing to sex trafficking survivors and domestic violence victims. DHHS may do this directly or through qualified third-parties. DHHS may, if all housing assistance needs are met, distribute excess fund money to certified organizations to proactively address housing needs. To fund the Act, the document stamp tax is increased by \$.07 per one thousand dollars of property value.

#### Section by Section Summary

Section 1: Creates the “Domestic Violence and Sex Trafficking Survivor Assistance Act.”

Section 2: Provides definitions for the Act.

Section 3: Charges DHHS to provide housing stability through various means of financial assistance or by reimbursing qualified third parties. Allows DHHS to distribute excess funds to certified organizations and sets conditions for such distribution. This includes development of a formula with consultation with community stakeholders.

Section 4: Creates the “Domestic Violence and Sex Trafficking Survivor Assistance Fund” to fund the Act.

Section 5: Amends section 76-901 to increase the document stamp tax from \$2.25 per thousand dollars of value to \$2.32 per thousand.

Section 6: Amends section 76-903 to reflect the tax increase in section 76-901 and earmarks \$.07 of the total tax for the “Domestic Violence and Sex Trafficking Survivor Housing Assistance Fund.”

Section 7: Amends section 77-1327(2) to reflect the tax increase in section 76-901.

Section 8: Repealer.

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R. Brad von Gillern, Chairperson

