## ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB357

Hearing Date: Wednesday March 09, 2011

**Committee On:** Revenue **Introducer:** Ashford

One Liner: Authorize an increase in local option sales and use tax

## **Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Advanced to General File

**Vote Results:** 

Aye: 6 Senators Adams, Cornett, Fischer, Hadley, Louden, Pankonin

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting: 2 Senators Pirsch, Utter

Proponents: Representing:

Sen. Brad Ashford Introducer
Sen. Bob Krist District 10
Sen. Amanda McGill District 26
Sen. Bill Avery District 28

Douglas Kindig Mayor of LaVista/United Cities of Sarpy Co.

Don Herz

Jim Suttle

Pam Spaccarotella

Alan Michl

Donald Groesser

Stan Clouse

City of Omaha

Village of Exeter

Mayor of Ralston

Mayor of Kearney

Lynn Rex League of NE Municipalities

Opponents: Representing:

Richard Halvorsen Self

Neutral:Representing:Dacia KruseOmaha Chamber

## Summary of purpose and/or changes:

The advanced bill would allow cities in Nebraska to set a sales tax rate of 1/2 percent, one percent, one and on half percent, or two percent. Current law limits cities to one and one half percent.

Cities can use this additional authority after a vote of the people. New language found on page 4 of the bill requires cities to put a description of the proposed use of the revenue collected on the ballot.

Abbie Cornett, Chairperson