

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)
LB698

Hearing Date: Tuesday March 01, 2011
Committee On: Agriculture
Introducer: Christensen
One Liner: Eliminate labeling requirements for alcohol-blended fuel

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 6 Senators Wallman, Lathrop, Larson, Harr, Carlson, Brasch
Nay: 2 Senators Bloomfield, Karpisek
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:
Senator Mark Christensen
Loran Schmit
Pat Ptacek

Representing:
Introducer
Association of Nebraska Ethanol Producers
Nebraska Grain and Feed Association

Opponents:
Tim Keigher

John K. Hansen

Representing:
Nebraska Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store
Association
Nebraska Farmers Union

Neutral:
Steve Sorum

Representing:
Nebraska Ethanol Board

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 698 amends sections of law that currently require labeling on fuel dispensers when the dispensing alcohol blended fuels. Specifically, the bill:

-- eliminates provision of 66-1214 that require such pump labeling when dispensing product containing 1% or more ethanol by volume, and;

-- amends 89-186 of the Weights and Measures Act to exclude from incorporation by reference section 2.20 of the Uniform Regulation of the Method of Sale of Commodities of the National Conference of Weights and Measures. Section 2.20 of the Uniform Regulation similarly requires dispenser pump labeling of the oxygenate utilized in gasoline-oxygenate blends and requires suppliers to provide retailers with documentation of the oxygenate content of fuels upon delivery.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment (AM650) would retain the requirement in 66-1214 for pump labeling of alcohol-gasoline blends but only when the alcohol content exceeds 11% of product by volume. The amendment also narrows the

exclusion of Section 2.20 of the Uniform Regulation of the Method of Sale of Commodities to only section 2.20.1. The amendment therefore retains section 2.20.2 of the Uniform Regulation which contains the requirement for suppliers to provide fuel retailers with documentation of alcohol content.

Tom Carlson, Chairperson