ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB272

Hearing Date: Friday February 05, 2021

Committee On: Revenue Introducer: Morfeld

One Liner: Adopt the Apprenticeship Training Program Tax Credit Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye: 5 Senators Albrecht, Briese, Flood, Friesen, Linehan

Nay: 3 Senators Bostar, Lindstrom, Pahls

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Adam Morfeld Introducer

Roy Lamb II Lincoln Electrical JATC

Chris Callihan IBEW Local 265, IBEW Local 22

Matt Scott

North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters

Felicia Hilton

North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Kent Rogert Associated Builders and Contractors Cornhusker Chapter

Submitted Written Testimony:

Proponents:Representing:Kristen HassebrookNebraska Chamber

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

The bill creates the Apprenticeship Training Program Tax Credit Act.

It allows a nonrefundable income tax credit for employers participating in a qualified apprenticeship training program administered pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 50. Such a program must:

- 1. Consist of at least 1,200 hours but not more than 8,000 hours of the on-the-job apprenticeship training;
- 2. Be certified in accordance with regulations adopted by the U.S. Department of Labor; and
- 3. Be administered by trustees.

Applications may be filed with the Department of Revenue, from November 1 to December 31 of each year, by a taxpayer who plans to employ one or more apprentices as part of a qualified program during the following calendar year.

The credit is equal to \$1 multiplied by the total number of hours expected be worked during the following calendar year by apprentices, but cannot exceed \$2,000 per apprentice in any year or 50% of the total wages expected to be paid, whichever is less. The total program amount is capped at \$2.5 million per calendar year.

The credit is available against individual, corporate, and fiduciary income tax as well as the insurance premiums tax and may be carried forward until fully utilized. The Department of Revenue is to consider applications in the order they are received. The bill is operative for tax years beginning or deemed to begin on or after January 1, 2022.

Lou Ann Linehan, Chairperson