ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB733

Hearing Date: Thursday January 20, 2022

Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Introducer: Cavanaugh, J.

One Liner: Provide requirements for contributions or expenditures by foreign nationals under the Nebraska Political

Accountability and Disclosure Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Blood, Brewer, Halloran, Hansen, M., Hunt, Lowe, McCollister,

Sanders

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents: Representing:

Senator John Cavanaugh Introducer

Frank Daley Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission

Gavin Geis Common Cause Nebraska

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

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This bill would prohibit contributions to ballot question committees by "foreign nationals― and defines that term.

Section 1 of the bill adds the new material to the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act.

Section 2 provides a definition for "foreign national." This term is defined to include (1) individuals who are not citizens or permanent resident aliens, (2) non-natural persons organized or principally located in foreign countries, (3) foreign governments, and (4) foreign political committees and political parties. This section also prohibits any foreign national from making a contribution to a ballot question committee or for any such committee to solicit such a prohibited contribution. Domestic subsidiaries of foreign corporations would be permitted to make such contributions under limited circumstances.

Section 3 repeals the original section being revised.

Tom Brewer, Chairperson