

Senator Slama opposes LB 685

(KLZA)-- Last week concluded all-day committee hearings and this week the legislature begins debate on the legislative bills that have been kicked out of their respective committees in the Nebraska Legislature.

First District State Senator Julie Slama highlighted Senator Briese- LB 685 after she received many emails and phone calls from constituents in regard to this bill, expressing the need to “stand up for the little guys.”

LB 685 would boost the fees for “games of skill” machines to \$1,000 per machine and impose a 20% tax on the net proceeds. Although I applaud Senator Briese- efforts in attempting to cut property taxes, I do not feel that this is the best solution.

Senator Slama believes that LB 685 unfairly targets smaller businesses and charitable organizations that rely on these machines as a source of income. Small businesses already pay more than their fair share in taxes and fees already; these businesses are already struggling to survive now. LB 685 would have a negative effect on various small businesses in District 1, such as small convenience stores, bars, etc.

The proposed tax increase, including other fees and regulations, would make it much more difficult for some businesses to operate and it could even lead to their closure.

In her weekly update, Senator Slama promises to continue to fight for “the little guys,” as it is crucial to understand that the “little guys” are the small businesses that are the backbone of the United States, noting that she is proud to stand strong with our small businesses and oppose LB 685.

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