



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 83**

Hearing Date: January 25, 2007
Committee On: Judiciary

Introducer(s): (Synowiecki, 7)

Title: Provide for Board of Parole recommendations relating to incarceration work camps

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- X Advanced to General File
 - Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

8	Yes	Ashford, Chambers, Lathrop, McDonald, McGill, Pedersen, Pirsch, Schimek
	No	
	Present, not voting	
	Absent	

Proponents:

Senator Synowiecki
Bob Houston

Representing:

Nebraska Director of Correctional Services

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Deb Mirandi

Representing:

Probation Association

Summary of purpose and/or changes: Legislative Bill 83 proposes to allow the parole board to utilize the Work Ethic Camp as a transitional program for incarcerated offenders prior to being released on parole.

Currently, the Work Ethic Camp program is limited to individuals who are sentenced to intensive supervised probation instead of incarceration. This legislation would allow the parole board to utilize the Work Ethic Camp as a transitional phase prior to release on parole for certain offenders which the board feels would benefit from participation in the program. Placement at the work ethic camp as a condition of release on parole may not be for longer than 180 days, and offenders convicted of sexual assault or a capitol crime, or who have previously been incarcerated for a violent felony are not eligible.

Offenders placed at the Work Ethic Camp by the Board of Parole shall be released on parole upon successful completion of the work camp program. If such an offender fails to complete the work ethic camp program, he or she shall be returned to the Board of Parole to face a rescission hearing.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Brad Ashford, Chairperson