



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 731**

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**Chairperson:** Ron Raikes  
**Committee:** Education  
**Date of Hearing:** February 26, 2008

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 731 will allow the Commissioner of Education to issue a Nebraska teaching certificate to the spouse of an active duty member of the United States armed forces who has a valid teaching certificate from another state. A further requirement would be that the teaching certificate from the other state must be currently valid or was valid within the last three years.

The purpose of the bill is to make it easier for military spouses who would like to teach in Nebraska to obtain a Nebraska certificate. The bill recognizes that these military spouses are in a unique situation that requires them to move from state to state as their spouses are transferred by the military and that because of those frequent moves they may not have kept their teaching certificate current or taken appropriate course work to keep their certificates up to date.

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