

**ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB154**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday January 21, 2009  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**One Liner:** Eliminate certain boards, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, working groups, and related statutory provisions

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	7	Senators Avery, Giese, Janssen, Karpisek, Pahls, Pirsch, Sullivan
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator Price
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Proponents:**  
Senator Bill Avery

**Representing:**  
Introducer

**Opponents:**  
Dennis Baack

**Representing:**  
Nebraska Community College Association

**Neutral:**  
Katie Zulkoski

**Representing:**  
Nebraska Association of Airport Officials

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 154 eliminates the following boards, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, and working groups:

State Airline Authority  
Nebraska Community College Aid, Grant and Contract Review Committee  
Donor Registry Advisory Board  
Advisory Committee to the Ethanol Board  
Health Benefit Plan Committee  
Indigent Defense Standards Advisory Council  
Advisory Committee for Petroleum Products and Hazardous Substance Storage  
Public Health Clinic Formulary Advisory Committee  
Small Business Development Authority  
Tuition Recovery Cash Fund Advisory Committee  
Commission on the Status of Women  
Biopower Steering Committee  
Behavioral Health Oversight Commission of the Legislature  
Broadband Services Task Force  
Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission  
Special Education Services Task Force  
Working Group to Study Sex Offender Treatment and Management Services  
Tax Policy Reform Commission

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The committee amendment makes three changes to the bill.

The first change removes the Biopower Steering Committee from the bill, thereby retaining the committee in statute.

The second change removes the Nebraska Community College Aid, Grant and Contract Review Committee from the bill, thereby retaining the committee in statute.

Finally, the committee amendment includes provisions of LB 115 which eliminates the Nebraska Veterans Cemetery Advisory Board.

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Bill Avery, Chairperson