

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB237

Hearing Date: Wednesday March 18, 2009
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Lathrop
One Liner: Adopt the Interstate Compact for Juveniles

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Christensen, Coash, Ashford, Council, Lathrop, Lautenbaugh,
McGill, Rogert

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Sen. Steve Lathrop
Kari Rumbaugh
Todd Landry
William Mueller

Representing:

Introducer
Probation Administration
DHHS
NE State Bar Association

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 237 would repeal the current Interstate Compact on Juveniles and adopt the updated version, which would be named the Interstate Compact for Juveniles. The compact is an agreement between states that allows for tracking and supervision of juveniles under court supervision that move across state borders and regulates the return of out-of-state runaways and absconders in a safe and timely manner. Thirty-five states have already adopted the updated version and the compact. Nebraska's relationship with compacting states will expire in December 2009 unless the new version is adopted.

Explanation of amendments:

Committee Amendment AM 870 would repeal the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Juveniles and adopt the updated version, which would be named the Interstate Compact for the Placement of Juveniles. The purpose of this compact is to ensure that children placed across state lines for foster care, relative placement, or adoption are placed with persons who are safe, suitable, and able to provide proper care.

Brad Ashford, Chairperson