

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB280

Hearing Date: Thursday February 12, 2009
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Avery
One Liner: Create the Commission on Military Affairs

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

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

Proponents:

Christy Abraham
Ned Holmes
John Wood

Walt Zink
David Snodgrass
Megan Lucas

Representing:

Senator Bill Avery
Omaha Economic Development Partnership
Lincoln Airport Authority, and Lincoln Chamber of
Commerce
Lincoln Chamber of Commerce
Department of Defense
Bellevue Chamber of Commerce

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 280 creates the Commission on Military Affairs which will work with local, state, and federal officials to develop and implement a comprehensive plan to support the best interests of the military assets of Nebraska and the nation.

The commission will be composed of five members, including the Adjutant General. The Governor will appoint the members, with the approval of the Legislature. The bill outlines the terms of members, how to fill a vacancy, and when the Governor may remove a member.

The commission will select a chair, a vice-chair, and a secretary from among its members. The commission will meet as determined by the commission and will keep a record of its proceedings. Members, other than the Adjutant General, will be paid a per diem of \$50 for each day engaged in the performance of their duties.

The commission will employ an executive director and may employ a general counsel and other staff as necessary. The commission will prepare an annual report summarizing the military assets of Nebraska and the economic impact of those assets. The report will also include recommendations for preserving and sustaining military assets and missions in Nebraska and what actions may be taken to encourage expansion of such assets.

Bill Avery, Chairperson