

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB653

Hearing Date: Friday February 20, 2009
Committee On: Executive Board
Introducer: Harms
One Liner: Create the Legislature's Planning Committee

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Wightman, White, Pahls, Karpisek, Flood, Christensen, Nelson
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	2	Senators Fischer, Langemeier

Proponents:

Senator John Harms
Ron Withem

Representing:

Introducer
University of Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 653 would establish the Legislature's Planning Committee as a special legislative committee.

The committee would include the Speaker, the chairperson of the Executive Board, the chairperson of the Appropriations Committee and other members to be chosen by the Executive Board.

The committee shall meet as needed and have staff support from the various legislative divisions and staff, and may contract for assistance with the approval of the Executive Board.

Explanation of amendments:

Includes an intent section.

Specifies that the committee shall include six members of the legislature, plus those members identified in original bill (the Speaker, the chairperson of the Executive Board, and the chairperson of the Appropriations Committee).

Outlines the duties of the Legislature's Planning Committee, which include: collecting and analyzing data about Nebraska; identifying long-term, significant state issues; setting goals and benchmarks; issuing yearly reports; and proposing legislation.

Authorizes the Legislature's Planning Committee to hold public hearings, obtain data and information from other state agencies and private entities that contract with the state, and contract with consultants with the approval of the Executive Board.

John Wightman, Chairperson