

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LR47**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday February 17, 2011  
**Committee On:** Executive Board  
**Introducer:** Lathrop  
**One Liner:** Provide for continuation of the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Report to the Legislature for further consideration

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 9 Senators Fischer, Christensen, Flood, Karpisek, Langemeier, Lathrop, Nelson, Pahls, Wightman

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**

Senator Steve Lathrop

**Representing:**

Introducer

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

This resolution reauthorizes the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee of the Legislature. This special committee was first established in 2008 by LR 283 and reauthorized in 2009 by LR 11.

LR 47 would require the Executive Board to reappoint the committee to include 7 members. The Board would also appoint the chairperson and vice-chairperson, with consideration given to reappointing the current chairperson and vice-chairperson. (2009 members were Senators Lathrop (C), Harms (VC), Coash, Cornett, Karpisek, Stuthman and Wallman)

The special committee would be authorized to: Continue to study the quality of care and related staffing issues at the Beatrice State Developmental Center; investigate the placement and quality of care statewide for the developmentally disabled in Nebraska; review the processes of eligibility determinations, as well as processes used to determine when individuals are no longer eligible for such services; and provide oversight to ensure that the terms of the U.S. Department of Justice Consent Decree and the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee's 2008 recommendations are implemented in a timely fashion.

The special committee would continue its work until January 2012.

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