

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB291**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday February 19, 2015  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Coash  
**One Liner:** Remove professional wrestling from the jurisdiction of the State Athletic Commissioner

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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 Bloomfield, Craighead, Garrett, Groene, Hansen, Larson, Murante
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator McCoy
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Colby Coash  
Thomas Lorenz  
Kristi Andersen

**Representing:**

Introducer  
SMG Lincoln - Pinnacle Bank Arena  
Metropolitan Entertainment & Convention Authority

**Opponents:**

Chad Lunders

**Representing:**

Self

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB 291 would remove professional wrestling from the jurisdiction of the State Athletic Commissioner, which currently oversees such sports as professional mixed martial arts, professional boxing, and amateur mixed martial arts matches and exhibitions.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

Committee passed an emergency clause causing act to go in effect immediately upon being signed into law.

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John Murante, Chairperson