

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB32**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday February 23, 2015  
**Committee On:** Appropriations  
**Introducer:** Mello  
**One Liner:** Require the Department of Correctional Services to submit strategic plans as part of its budget request and progress reports

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

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 9 Senators Bolz, Haar, Hilkemann, Kintner, Kuehn, Mello, Nordquist, Stinner, Watermeier

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Heath Mello  
Alan Peterson  
Renee Fry

**Representing:**

Introducer  
ACLU of Nebraska  
OpenSky Policy Institute

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB 32 will require the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services to develop programmatic strategic plans and performance benchmarks as part of the biennial budget process for the next two biennial budget cycles.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 951 is a white copy amendment that would replace the bill.

AM 951 adjusts the submission timing of the strategic plans to coincide with the development of budget requests for the 2017-2019, and 2019-2021 bienniums. The timing of the delivery of reports is specified and also adjusted accordingly.

Additionally, the amendment strikes an unnecessary provision requiring cooperation between the Department of Correctional Services and the Department of Administrative Services, as such cooperation is already in effect.

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Heath Mello, Chairperson