

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB335

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 18, 2015
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Mello
One Liner: Create and provide duties for the Intergenerational Poverty Task Force

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Baker, Campbell, Cook, Crawford, Howard, Kolterman, Riepe
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Heath Mello
Jennifer Carter
John Cavanaugh

Aubrey Mancuso
Ben Anderson
Beatty Brasch
Linda Cox
James Goddard

Representing:

District 5
Coalition for a Strong Nebraska
Holland Children's Movement; Nebraska Children's
Health Alliance
Voices for Children in Nebraska
First Five Nebraska
Center for People in Need
Foster Care Review Office
Nebraska Appleseed

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB335 was introduced to provide the Legislature with data and recommendations on ways to break the cycle of poverty and support Nebraskans in poverty, especially focusing on children. The bill creates the Intergenerational Poverty Task Force within the Legislature.

Section-by-section description:

Section (1): Creates the Intergenerational Poverty Task Force; sets out committee membership.

Section (2): Sets out objectives of the task force; look at data and make recommendations to help children escape the cycle of poverty; engage stakeholders; look at policies from other states and nongovernmental entities; recommend changes to existing policies; create a strategic plan; and protect the privacy of individuals living in poverty.

Section (3): Gives the task force authority to request information from the state and appoint special committees to better accomplish its objectives.

Section (4): Gives date the report created by the task force must be submitted to the Governor and the Executive Board of the Legislative Council; sets out what must be included in the report.

Explanation of amendments:

AM481 provides a termination date, includes an emergency clause, and clarifies the task force will submit an initial report by the end of 2015 and a final report by the end of 2016.

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson