

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LR23

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday January 28, 2015  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Riepe  
**One Liner:** Urge the United States Dept. of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans with direct access to health care services in each local community in Nebraska

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Report to the Legislature for further consideration

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 8 Senators Bloomfield, Craighead, Garrett, Groene, Hansen, Larson, McCoy, Murante  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**  
Senator Merv Riepe  
Greg Holloway  
Ann Frohman

**Representing:**  
Introducer  
Disabled American Veterans  
Nebraska Medical Association

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LR 23 states that, as veterans in the State of Nebraska often have to travel long distances to receive health care from the nearest Veterans Affairs facility, the Legislature urges the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans with direct access to health care services in each local community in Nebraska.

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John Murante, Chairperson