

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LR32

Hearing Date: Friday February 06, 2015
Committee On: Executive Board
Introducer: Krist
One Liner: Provide the Executive Board appoint a special committee to be known as the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee of the Legislature

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Report to the Legislature for further consideration with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 9 Senators Campbell, Chambers, Coash, Hadley, Hughes, Krist, Larson, Murante, Watermeier

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Bob Krist
Michael Chittenden
Brad Meurrens

Representing:

Introducer
The Arc of Nebraska
Disability Rights Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Doug Koebernick

Representing:

Self

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 LR283, reauthorized in 2009 by LR11 (for a two-year period), LR47 in 2011, LR365 in 2012, and LR20 in 2013.

The 2008 report may be viewed at:

http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov/pdf/reports/committee/select_special/ddsi/DDSI_2008_LR283.pdf

The special committee would provide oversight to ensure that the terms of the U.S. Department of Justice Consent Decree and the recommendations from the 2008 Report of the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee continue to be implemented. The special committee would also 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.

LR32 would require the Executive Board to appoint the committee to consist of seven members. The Board would also appoint the chairperson and vice-chairperson.

The special committee would continue its work until the start of the January 2017 session.

Explanation of amendments:

Committee amendment AM331 to LR32

* Changes provisions to clarify that the study should include a review of both institutional based services and community based services.

* Requires the Special Committee to brief the Health & Human Services Committee by December 15, 2015 and December 15, 2016. The requirement for a report is changed to be "as circumstances warrant."

Bob Krist, Chairperson