

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LR33

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 ACCESSNebraska 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
Senator Sara Howard
Katie Pitts
Korby Gilbertson
Joyce Kubicek
Michael Chittenden
Brad Meurrens

Representing:

Introducer
Self
Nebraska Appleseed
NE Health Care Association
Aging Partners
The Arc of Nebraska
Disability Rights Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This resolution re-authorizes the ACCESSNebraska Special Investigative Committee of the Legislature. The special committee was originally created in 2014 by LR400. A copy of the LR400 report can be viewed at:

http://nebraskalegislature.gov/pdf/reports/committee/select_special/lr400_2014/lr400_2014.pdf

The special committee would be authorized to provide ongoing oversight of the ACCESSNebraska system and continue to study the adequacy of staffing and training within the ACCESSNebraska system, the adequacy of technology used within the system, the effectiveness of processes and structures used by the system, and the need for new or additional data collection to determine system effectiveness.

The special committee would also analyze the experiences of clients and their family members and examine customer service experience, access to benefits, and responses to changing family needs.

The Executive Board would appoint seven members to the special committee. The special committee selects its

chairperson and vice-chairperson.

The special committee would issue a report with its findings and recommendations no later than December 15, 2015.

Explanation of amendments:

- * Provides that the Executive Board shall appoint the chairperson and vice-chairperson of the ACCESSNebraska Special Investigative Committee.
- * Requires the ACCESSNebraska Special Investigative Committee to brief the Health & Human Services Committee by December 15, 2015. The requirement for a report is changed to be "as circumstances warrant."
- * The ACCESSNebraska Special Investigative Committee is authorized to continue until the start of the 2016 legislative session.

Bob Krist, Chairperson