

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB230

Hearing Date: Thursday January 26, 2017
Committee On: Executive Board
Introducer: Watermeier
One Liner: Create the Nebraska Economic Development Advisory Committee

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

Vote Results:

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| Aye: | 5 | Senators Chambers, Crawford, Watermeier, Scheer, McCollister |
| Nay: | 2 | Senators Hughes, Kuehn |
| Absent: | 1 | Senator Bolz |
| Present Not Voting: | 1 | Senator Larson |

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Dan Watermeier
Renee Fry
Jennifer Creager

Brian Wallingford

Representing:

District 1
Open Sky Policy Institute
Greater Omaha Chamber and Lincoln Chamber of
Commerce
Executive Travel

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB230 creates the Nebraska Economic Development Advisory Committee. The committee shall include:

Three nonvoting members of the Legislature, appointed by the Executive Board; and

Six nonvoting, ex officio members:

*The director of Economic Development or designee;

*The Commissioner of Labor or designee;

*The chairpersons, or designee, of the following legislative committees: Appropriations, Business and Labor, Revenue, and Urban Affairs

The committee shall meet at least every three months, except when the Legislature is in session.

The committee terminates on January 1, 2024.

LB230 includes the emergency clause

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment strikes all the original provisions and instead creates a task force comprised only of members of the Legislature, to include the chairpersons (or designees) of Appropriations, Banking, Commerce & Insurance, Business & Labor, Education, Revenue, and Urban Affairs. The Executive Board shall also appoint three additional members of the Legislature to the task force, one from each congressional district.

The task force is to collaborate with the Department of Economic Development and the Department of Labor. The task force shall monitor analysis and policy development in all aspects of economic development in Nebraska and discuss long-range plans to improve economic development within the state.

The task force shall annually identify economic development priorities and submit a report to the Legislature on or before December 31st. The task force shall terminate after four years (January 1, 2021).

The committee amendment includes the emergency clause.

Dan Watermeier, Chairperson