

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LR127

Hearing Date: Tuesday May 16, 2017
Committee On: Executive Board
Introducer: Krist
One Liner: Provide the Executive Board appoint a special committee of the Legislature to be known as the Nebraska Justice System Special Investigative Committee

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Bolz, Chambers, Crawford, Hughes, McCollister, Watermeier
Nay:	3	Senators Kuehn, Larson, Scheer
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Bob Krist
Mike Marvin
Spike Eickholt

Representing:

District 10
NAPE/AFSCME Local 61
ACLU of Nebraska

Opponents:

Scott Frakes

Representing:

NDCS

Neutral:

Doug Koebernick

Representing:

Inspector General of Corrections

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This resolution would create the Nebraska Justice System Special Investigative Committee to continue legislative oversight of the findings and recommendations of the Correctional Services Special Investigative Committees (LR424, 2014 and LR34, 2015). In addition, the committee created by LR127 would undertake a review of the role of certain state agencies and their involvement in the justice system.

LR127 would authorize the special committee to study programs and policies relating to the adult justice system implemented by the Department of Corrections, the Office of Parole Administration, the Board of Parole, the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, and the Office of Probation Administration.

The special committee would be required to brief the Judiciary and Appropriations Committees by December 15, 2017, and December 15, 2018, and issue a report with its findings and recommendations to the Legislature as circumstances warrant.

The special committee would consist of seven members appointed by the Executive Board. The committee would continue until the beginning of the 2019 session.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment makes the following changes: (1) Provides that the committee shall be an oversight committee, rather than an investigative committee; (2) makes the chair of the Judiciary Committee the chair of the special committee; and (3) strikes the reference to specific subpoena power.

Dan Watermeier, Chairperson