

**ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LR27**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday March 23, 2017  
**Committee On:** Judiciary  
**Introducer:** Bolz  
**One Liner:** State legislative intent regarding refugees 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:**

<b>Aye:</b>	7	Senators Baker, Chambers, Ebke, Hansen, Krist, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks
<b>Nay:</b>	1	Senator Halloran
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Kate Bolz  
Hana Muslic  
Shams Al-Badry  
Todd Reckling  
Steven Abraham  
Jean Aime Shabanza Mbiya Bondo  
Peter Barber  
Judy King  
Darcy Tromanhauser  
Danielle Conrad  
Sara Sawatzki  
Alexis Steele

**Representing:**

Introducer  
self  
self  
Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska  
self  
International American Relief Society  
self  
self  
Nebraska Appleseed  
ACLU Nebraska  
self  
Justice for Our Neighbors

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LR 27 would resolve that the Nebraska legislature believes in protecting refugees regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, age, or sex and appreciates their contributions to the state. In support of this resolution, LR 27 cites the facts that the United State was built by people of a wide variety of races, ethnicities, ages, religions, and backgrounds, that refugees serve the country's military and diplomatic interests and contribute to Nebraska communities every day, that organizations in our state such as Catholic Charities and Lutheran Family Services work to resettle refugees, and that many refugees have earned green cards and call this country home.

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Laura Ebke, Chairperson