

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1201

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 05, 2020
Committee On: Natural Resources
Introducer: Bostelman
One Liner: Create the Flood Mitigation and Planning Task Force

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 8 Senators Albrecht, Bostelman, Geist, Gragert, Halloran, Hughes, Moser, Quick
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Bruce Bostelman
Jeff Henson

John Winkler

Michael J. O'Hara
Katie Torpy
John Hansen

Representing:

Introducer
American Council of Engineering Companies in Nebraska
Nebraska Association of Resources Districts and Papio Missouri River Natural Resources District
Sierra Club - Nebraska Chapter
Nature Conservancy
Nebraska Farmers Union

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Beth Bazyn-Ferrell
Larry Mach

Representing:

Nebraska Association of County Officials
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1201 would create the Flood Mitigation and Planning Task Force, state its purpose, set its membership, duties, and reporting requirements, and state the Legislative intent behind the task force.

Section-by-Section Summary:

Section 1 states Legislative intent.

Section 2 sets the membership of the task force, lays out administrative details, defines meeting procedure, and states that the task force shall be housed within the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency.

Section 3 lists the task force's duties, and requires its findings be reported to the Legislature in two separate annual reports submitted no later than November 1, 2020 and November 1, 2021, respectively.

Section 4 sets a termination date for the task force of December 31, 2021.

Explanation of amendments:

The amendment, AM 2753, would strike the original bill and become the bill. The amendment would change the task force to a plan development group. The group would be led by and housed within the Department of Natural Resources. The amendment would provide for two public hearings and make various technical changes to allow the plan development group to better coincide with other hazard mitigation efforts within the state. It would require the Department of Natural Resources to complete the state flood mitigation plan and report it to the Governor and the Legislature before December 31, 2021.

The contents of LB 1201 as amended by AM 2753 were amended into LB 632.

Dan Hughes, Chairperson