

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB369

Hearing Date: Thursday March 28, 2019
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Vargas
One Liner: Require jails, law enforcement agencies, and the Nebraska State Patrol to provide public notice before entering into agreements to enforce federal immigration law and to allow audits of noncomplying entities

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Brandt, Chambers, DeBoer, Lathrop, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Wayne
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Slama

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:
Senator Tony Vargas
Lazaro Spindola
Cristina Lopez
Olga Guevara
Schuyler Geery-Zink
Rose Godinez
Raul Arcos
Tom Venzor

Representing:
Introducer
Latino American Commission; Nebraskans for Peace
Immigrant Legal Center
Unity in Action
Nebraska Appleseed
ACLU of Nebraska
self
Nebraska Catholic Conference

Opponents:
John Bolduc
Larry Storer
Amber Parker

Representing:
Nebraska State Patrol
self
self

Neutral:
Elaine Menzel

Representing:
Nebraska Association of County Officials

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Section 1 would provide references and definitions for the terms Crime Commission, jail, law enforcement agency, meeting, and public agency.

Section 2 would require a law enforcement agency or jail to provide notice to its governing body prior to entering into an agreement to enforce immigration law or investigate, interrogate, detain, detect, or arrest persons for immigration purposes. The governing body would be required to include notice of the agreement in the agenda of its next regularly scheduled public meeting. The agency or jail would be required to provide notice to the Crime Commission of the

agreement and a record of the public meeting concerning the agreement.

Section 3 would require the State Patrol to provide notice to the Judiciary Committee prior to entering into an agreement to enforce immigration law or investigate, interrogate, detain, detect, or arrest persons for immigration purposes. The notice would also be sent to the Crime Commission for inclusion in the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Explanation of amendments:

AM1126 would require a law enforcement agency or jail to provide minutes of their governing body's meeting concerning the agreement to the Crime Commission within sixty days of entering into the meeting. The original bill would have required submission of a record of the meeting, including exhibits, transcripts, statements, or recordings of votes.

Steve Lathrop, Chairperson