

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB375

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 13, 2019
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Brewer
One Liner: Allow certain library, archive, and museum materials to be withheld from the public

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Blood, Brewer, Hansen, M., Hilgers, Hunt, Kolowski, La Grone, Lowe
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Tom Brewer
Trevor Jones

Representing:

Introducer
History Nebraska (Nebraska State Historical Society)

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 375 would allow library, archive, and museum materials to be temporarily withheld from the public under the public records law. This new exception would be for materials that are received from a donor or other transferor who makes the gift or transfer conditional on confidentiality for a specified period of time. The intent of the bill is to allow public librarians, archivists, and curators to receive and preserve historically significant materials that might otherwise be lost or dispersed. The bill only creates the new exception for materials received via a conditional transfer, and would not allow public bodies to withhold related materials that are not subject to such a condition.

Tom Brewer, Chairperson