

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB612**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday February 12, 2019  
**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Introducer:** Erdman  
**One Liner:** Authorize the display of roadside memorials

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Indefinitely postponed

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Albrecht, Bostelman, Cavanaugh, DeBoer, Friesen, Geist, Hilgers, Hughes  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Steve Erdman  
Lynn Rex

**Representing:**

Introducer  
League of NE Municipalities

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

Kyle Schneweis  
Pam Dingman

**Representing:**

NE Depart of Transportation  
Lancaster County Engineering

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

LB 612 would provide authorization for the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) to permit signage that would memorialize persons killed on Nebraska roads and highways.

The bill would amend Chapter 39 relating to highways by incorporating the provisions of Section 4 into sections dealing with definitions, Interstate highway signs, and state highway signs.

Section 4 would provide discretionary authority to the NDOT to allow signs giving specific information regarding persons killed on Nebraska roadways and maintained within the rights-of-way. The signs shall comport with NDOT rules and regulations regarding distances from Interstate interchanges and from roads of the state primary system. The rules and regulations would need to be consistent with federal standards. The signs shall (a) memorialize and commemorate the deceased person or persons; (b) be blue, triangle-shaped and no larger than 225 inches; (c) contain the name or names of the deceased person or persons and may include a photographic image of the person or persons; (d) contain one of four messages regarding safe operation of motor vehicles; and (e) be posted for 10 years, with an application allowed to extend for an additional 10 years. No deceased motor vehicle operator who was found to have an excessive blood alcohol content level after having died as a result of the collision would be eligible for a sign.

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Curt Friesen, Chairperson