

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB911

Hearing Date: Thursday January 30, 2020
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Quick
One Liner: Provide for acquisition of former Nebraska Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Grand Island

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 Dan Quick
Daniel Naranjo
Director John Hilgert
Donald Shuda
Jerry Janulewicz
Jay Vavricek
Mike Ponte

Representing:

Introducer
Funeral Service
NE Department of Veteran's Affairs
Hall County Veterans Services Officer
City of Grand Island
Self
Board Chairman - United Veterans Club Grand Island

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill would mandate the inclusion of the former Nebraska Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Grand Island to the state veteran cemetery system administered by the Director of Veterans' Affairs. It states legislative intent that the director of the Department of Administrative Services negotiate with the City of Grand Island for acquisition of title to the cemetery and the land adjacent to it. It also directs the Veterans' Affairs director to prepare initial program materials and make an initial request for funding by September 15, 2020.

This bill also makes harmonizing changes to the statutory powers of a city of the first class to sell and convey real estate. Finally, the bill also includes revisor's changes to eliminate reference to fund transfers that have already been completed.

Tom Brewer, Chairperson