

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB1073**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday February 15, 2022  
**Committee On:** Urban Affairs  
**Introducer:** Wayne  
**One Liner:** Create the Department of Housing and Urban Development

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

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	4	Senators Blood, Hansen, M., Hunt, Wayne
<b>Nay:</b>	1	Senator Lowe
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	2	Senators Arch, Briese

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Justin Wayne  
Wayne Mortensen  
Joey Litwinowicz

**Representing:**

Legislative District 13  
Neighborhoods, INC (Neighborworks Lincoln)  
Self

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

Carol Bodeen  
Shannon Harper

**Representing:**

Nebraska Housing Developers Association  
Nebraska Investment Finance Authority

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

LB 1073 would create a state Department of Housing & Urban Development as an executive branch agency under the Governor. The chief executive officer of the Department would be the Director of Housing & Urban Development, appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Legislature.

The Department of Housing & Urban Development would administer and serve as the lead state agency for state programs related to housing and homelessness, including the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the Homeless Shelter Assistance Trust Fund Act, the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Act, and the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act. The Department would also provide state oversight of and assistance to housing authorities under the Nebraska Housing Agency Act.

Under LB 1073, any transfer of programs, duties, and functions to the Department of Housing & Urban Development from other state agencies would be effective on July 1, 2023

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**Explanation of amendments:**

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AM 1969 is a white-copy amendment that replaces the bill.

AM 1969 would require that the Governor apply for all federal funds for emergency rental assistance under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA).

AM 1969 contains the Emergency Clause.

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Justin Wayne, Chairperson