

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB236**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday February 24, 2021  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Brewer  
**One Liner:** Permit counties to authorize carrying concealed weapons as prescribed

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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>	5	Senators Blood, Brewer, Halloran, Lowe, Sanders
<b>Nay:</b>	3	Senators Hansen, M., Hunt, McCollister
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Tom Brewer  
Aaron Hanson  
Anthony Arnold  
Wayne McCormick  
Patricia Harrold  
Sheila Walker  
Allie French  
Amber Parker  
Luke Freeouf

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Omaha Police Officer Association  
Self  
Self  
Nebraska Firearm Owner Association NFOA  
Self  
Nebraskans Against Government Overreach  
Self  
Self/NFOA

**Opponents:**

Judy King

**Representing:**

Nebraskans Against Gun Violence

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Submitted Written Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

**Opponents:**

Jon Cannon  
Angela Amack

**Representing:**

**Representing:**

Nebraska Association of County Officials  
Everytown for Gun Safety

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

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This bill would amend the powers of Nebraska counties to allow them to authorize the permitless carrying of concealed weapons within their respective jurisdictions. The bill also includes harmonizing changes in the Nebraska Criminal Code and in the Concealed Handgun Permit Act. County-level permitless carry would not be authorized under LB 236 for persons who are otherwise prohibited from possessing such weapons under state or federal law.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The committee voted to adopt Committee Amendment 438:

8 Yes - Blood, Brewer, Halloran, Hansen M., Hunt, Lowe, McCollister, Sanders

The committee amendment would require that counties consult with their sheriff before passing the sort of ordinance contemplated by LB 236. It would also require persons engaged in the lawful permitless carrying of a concealed weapon to immediately inform any emergency responder in the event of an official contact. Finally, the amendment limits the power to pass a permitless carry ordinance to those counties that do not contain a city of the metropolitan or primary class.

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Tom Brewer, Chairperson