

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2024**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB2**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday January 27, 2023  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Sanders  
**One Liner:** Create the Commission on Asian American Affairs

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

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	5	Senators Aguilar, Brewer, Conrad, Halloran, Sanders
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>	2	Senators Hunt, Raybould
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	1	Senator Lowe

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Rita Sanders  
Sharon Ishii-Jordan  
Maria Arriaga  
Sheila Dorsey Vinton  
Chueqa Yang  
Soulinnee Phan

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
Self  
Nebraska Latino-American Commission  
Asian Community and Cultural Center  
Self  
Self

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

Marrienne Williams

**Representing:**

Self

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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

Summary:

This bill proposes the creation of a Commission on Asian American Affairs. The bill describes the basic purpose of the Commission, and authorizes it to receive and administer funds from state, federal, and other sources. The Commission would have the power to select and pay an executive director, for whom an office would be provided under the bill. The functions of the Commission are also enumerated in the bill.

The fourteen commission members would receive fifty dollars a day while performing Commission duties plus expense reimbursement, and they would vacate office by missing any quarterly or special meeting without a "valid excuse." An executive board consisting of the chairperson and four of the commissioners would be established to



administer the Commission between quarterly meetings. The executive board would be empowered to execute contracts valued at not more than \$2000 for consulting services, supplies, and equipment.

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Tom Brewer, Chairperson

