



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
Committee Statement  
LB 370**

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**Hearing Date:** February 5, 2007  
**Committee On:** Nebraska Retirement Systems

**Introducer(s):** (Erdman)  
**Title:** Adopt the Law Enforcement Officers Retirement Survey Act

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

- Advanced to General File
  - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
  - Indefinitely Postponed
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**Vote Results:**

- 5 Yes                                      Senators Erdman, Heidemann, Karpisek, Louden, Synowiecki
  - No
  - 1 Present, not voting      Senator White
  - Absent
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**Proponents:**

Senator Phil Erdman  
Mark Overman  
Roland Yost  
Isaac Brown  
Larry Thoren  
Fred Uhe  
Terry Wagner

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Fraternal Order of Police  
Nebraska Sheriff’s Association  
Police Officers Association of Nebraska,  
Nebraska Chapter of the FBI National Academy  
Associates  
Police Chiefs Association of Nebraska  
Sarpy County Board of Commissioners  
Nebraska Sheriff’s Association

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**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

Beth Bazyn Ferrell  
Lynn Rex

**Representing:**

Nebraska Association of County Officials  
League of Nebraska Municipalities

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

LB 370 facilitates the gathering of information required to perform an actuarial study to determine the cost of implementing a defined benefit plan for local law enforcement.

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Under LB 370, the Nebraska Retirement System would conduct a survey of current retirement systems in place for law enforcement officers and issue a report to the Nebraska Retirement Systems Committee no later than Oct. 1, 2007. The report will be provided to firm to conduct an actuarial survey. LB 370 states that neither the State nor any political subdivision will be responsible for payment of actuarial survey.

LB 370 requires that the State and political subdivisions shall provide information deemed necessary by the Retirement System to conduct the review. The information may include, but not limited to: names of officers, dates of birth, dates of hire, taxable earnings of the officers from prior fiscal year, years of service, gender of the officer, if the law enforcement officer is enrolled in retirement plan and any other information deemed important. If they are in a plan, what the required employee contribution percentage is and whether it is a fixed or variable rate. If enrolled in defined contribution plan, the political subdivision shall disclose account balance attributable to employer contributions and employee contributions, excluding balance due to rollovers from another qualified plan or voluntary employee contributions.

LB 370 contains an emergency clause to ensure the survey is conducted promptly.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

AM378 clarifies the definition of law enforcement officer and adds “outdoor education specialist” to the definition. AM378 provides that neither the state nor any political subdivision shall be held liable for providing information requested in the Act. AM378 also makes two technical changes.

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**Senator John Synowiecki, Chairperson**