ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB305

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 04, 2009
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Council
One Liner: Include state identification card holders in jury lists

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	8	Senators Ashford, Christensen, Coash, Council, Lathrop, Lautenbaugh, McGill, Rogert
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:	**Representing:**
Sen. Brenda Council	Introducer
Riko Bishop	NE Minority Justice Committee
Dr. Elizabeth Neeley	NE Minority Justice Committee
Coleen Nielsen	NE Criminal Defense Attorneys
Elaine Menzel	NE Association of County Officials

Opponents:	**Representing:**

Neutral:	**Representing:**

Summary of purpose and/or changes:
Legislative Bill 305 amends Sec. 25-1628 to add state identification card holders to the group of people included in initial jury pools. This bill is based on a recommendation from the Nebraska Minority Justice Committee's Minority and Justice Task Force, a joint effort of the Nebraska Supreme Court and the Nebraska State Bar Association.
Current source lists for jury pools in Nebraska consist of registered voters and driver's license holders. This bill would expand the source lists in order to reduce racial disparities found on many Nebraska Juries.
Under the bill, the Department of Motor Vehicles would have to make available to each jury commissioner a list of the names, birthdates and addresses of all state identification card holders. If a county treasurer has an automated procedure for developing lists of state identification card holders, the jury commissioner may request the list from the county treasurer.

Brad Ashford, Chairperson