

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LR365**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday February 01, 2012  
**Committee On:** Executive Board  
**Introducer:** Lathrop  
**One Liner:** Provide for continuation of the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Report to the Legislature for further consideration

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	7	Senators Christensen, Flood, Langemeier, Lathrop, Nelson, Pahls, Wightman
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>	2	Senators Fischer, Karpisek
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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<b>Proponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
Senator Steve Lathrop	Introducer

<b>Opponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
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<b>Neutral:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

This resolution reauthorizes the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee of the Legislature. This special committee was first established in 2008 by LR 283, reauthorized in 2009 by LR 11 (for a two-year period) and by LR 47 in 2011. LR 365 would require the Executive Board to reappoint the committee to include 7 members. The Board would also appoint the chairperson and vice-chairperson, with consideration given to reappointing the current chairperson and vice-chairperson. (2011 members were Senators Lathrop (C), Harms (VC), Coash, Cornett, Karpisek, Krist and Wallman)

The special committee would be authorized to: Continue to study the quality of care and related staffing issues at the Beatrice State Developmental Center; investigate the placement and quality of care statewide for the developmentally disabled in Nebraska; review the processes of eligibility determinations, as well as processes used to determine when individuals are no longer eligible for such services; and provide oversight to ensure that the terms of the U.S. Department of Justice Consent Decree and the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee's 2008 recommendations are implemented in a timely fashion.

The special committee would continue its work until January 2013.

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