

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1103

Hearing Date: Monday February 10, 2014
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Education
One Liner: Provide for a strategic planning process for education

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Avery, Cook, Davis, Haar, Kolowski, Seiler, Sullivan
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Scheer
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:

Senator Kate Sullivan
Imani Wilson
Claire Richardson
Scott Adams
Dennis Baack
Jessica Kolterman
Matt Blomstedt

John Bonaiuto

Linda Richards
Justin Wayne
Troy Loeffelholz

Nancy Fulton
Ron Withem
Stan Carpenter
Tip O'Neill
Jon Habben
Carna Pfeil
Natalie Peetz

Representing:

Introducer
self
Freeman Public Schools
Freeman Public Schools
Nebraska Community College Association
Nebraska Farm Bureau
Nebraska Department of Education and the Nebraska
State Board of Education
Nebraska Association of School Boards and Nebraska
Council of School Administrators
Ralston Public Schools Board of Education
Omaha Public Schools
Schools Taking Action for Nebraska Childrens'
Education and Columbus Public Schools
Nebraska State Education Association
University of Nebraska
Nebraska State College System
Association of Independent Colleges and Universities
Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association
Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
First Five Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 1103 would provide for a strategic planning process to create a statewide vision for education in Nebraska.

Legislative findings would state that:

1. A common statewide vision is necessary to address the potential of all students and continue the pursuit of the good life for Nebraskans; and
2. Quality education is a primary consideration for individuals and businesses in deciding where to locate, because it serves as an indicator of both the current and future quality of life in a community.

The stated intent of the Legislature would be to focus educational resources toward a common vision using collaboration to achieve the best possible results.

The Education Committee of the Legislature would be required to conduct a strategic planning process to create the statewide vision for education described in the findings and intent, which would include aspirational goals, visionary objectives, meaningful priorities, and practical strategies.

The committee and/or subcommittees would be authorized to conduct meetings, work sessions, and focus groups with individuals and representatives of educational interests, taxpayer groups, the business community, or any other interested entities. At least 3 public hearings would be required to receive testimony from the general public in locations with different educational situations.

The Committee would be required to submit a report electronically to the Clerk of the Legislature on or before December 31, 2014.

The measure contains an emergency clause.

Kate Sullivan, Chairperson