ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB154

Hearing Date: Thursday January 24, 2019

Committee On: Judiciary **Introducer:** Brewer

One Liner: Authorize a study to improve reporting and investigation of missing Native American women

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Brandt, Chambers, DeBoer, Lathrop, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks,

Slama, Wayne

Nay: Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents: Representing:
Senator Tom Brewer Introducer

April Satchell self

Chandra Walker Native Caucus of the Democratic Party of Nebraska

Renee Sans Souci Nebraskans for Peace

Kellee Kucera Moreno self Colette Yellow Robe self

Leo Yankton Nebraskans for Peace
Nate Grasz Nebraska Family Alliance

Scout Richters ACLU Nebraska

Scott Shafer Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Section 1 Requires the State Patrol to conduct a study on how to increase protective and investigative resources for missing Native American women. Requires NSP to work tribal and local law enforcement, recognized tribes and urban Indian organizations as well as the US Department of Justice. Goals are to identify the scope of the problem, any barriers and increase information sharing and coordination. The State Patrol is required to submit a report by June 1,2020. The report shall include data on the number of missing Native American women as well as identification of barriers in addition to recommendations.

Steve Lathrop, Chairperson