ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB443

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 06, 2019

Committee On: Judiciary Introducer: McCollister

One Liner: Require the Department of Correctional Services to allow committed offenders reasonable access to

their attorneys

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Brandt, DeBoer, Lathrop, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Slama,

Wayne

Nay:

Absent: 1 Senator Chambers

Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents: Representing: Senator John McCollister Introducer

Amy Miller ACLU of Nebraska

Robert Williams Nebraska Criminal Defense Attorneys Association

Tim Hruza Nebraska State Bar Association

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Section 1

Amends Section 83-181 to add a new subsection (2) which requires the Department of Correctional Services to allow those incarcerated reasonable access to their attorney. The provision also provides that if the communication is by phone or video, it shall be provided without charge and not subject to monitoring or recording.

Section 2

Repeals original section

Steve Lathrop, Chairperson