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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 786

Chairperson: DiAnna R. Schimek
Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Date of Hearing: January 19, 2006

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 786 would make two changes to Nebraska law regarding the recall of elected officials. First, it would provide for the recall of elected members of airport authorities in cities of the primary, first and second class as well as in villages. Under current law, members of airport authorities are not included in the list of elected officials that are subject to recall found in Section 32-1302. This change would ensure that all elected officials are treated consistently.

Secondly, LB 786 would change provisions relating to reasons for the recall of elected officials. This change would require a voter wishing to recall an elected official to set forth one or more of the following reasons in the affidavit required in order to receive petition papers: incompetence; neglect of duty; or malfeasance. Under current law, an individual need not set forth such a specific reason—recall efforts do not have to be based on any wrongdoing or misconduct on the part of the elected official.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Mick Mines