



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2006
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 946

Chairperson: Ron Raikes
Committee: Education
Date of Hearing: January 17, 2006

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

LB 946 would require the state of Nebraska to recognize American Sign Language as a distinct and separate language. The bill would allow the State Board of Education to allow K-12 schools to teach American Sign Language. If a school chooses to offer this class, it would be required to be available to all students. Postsecondary institutions would also be allowed to offer American Sign Language classes to be taken for foreign language credits.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Roger R. Wehrbein