

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LR11

Hearing Date: Monday February 09, 2009
Committee On: Executive Board
Introducer: Lathrop
One Liner: Provide for continuation of the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Report to the Legislature for further consideration with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 9 Senators Christensen, Fischer, Flood, Karpisek, Langemeier, Pahls, Nelson, White, Wightman

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Steve Lathrop
Joan H. O'Meara
Mike Marvin
Brad Meurrens
Marla Fischer-Lempke
Loveda Mitchell
Jill McConnell
Robert G. Campbell
Brian Lynn Adams
Dan Blankenau
Tina Manes
Dave Manes

Representing:

Introducer
BSDC Family & Friends Association
NAPE
Nebraska Advocacy Services
Arc of Nebraska
Self
Self
Self
Self
Self
Self
Self

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LR11 calls for the Executive Board to reappoint the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee. The Special Committee was first created by LR 283 in 2008. LR11 provides that the committee shall consist of the same seven members originally appointed pursuant to LR 283: Senators Adams, Cornett, Gay, Harms, Lathrop, Stuthman and Wallman. The resolution further designates Senator Lathrop as the chairperson and Senator Harms as the vice-chairperson.

The resolution authorizes the committee to continue its study of the quality of care and related staffing issues at the Beatrice State Developmental Center, and the placement and quality of care statewide for the developmentally disabled in Nebraska (to include funding, capacity, options and staffing practices). The committee shall also provide oversight to ensure that the terms of the U.S. Department of Justice Consent Decree and the recommendations from the committee's own report, dated December 15, 2008, are implemented in a timely fashion. The committee shall

issue a report as circumstances warrant.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment (AM281) does the following:

Adds a new "Resolved" paragraph authorizing the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee to continue its work until the beginning of the One Hundred Second Legislature, First Session.

Harmonizes the reference to the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee in the third "Resolved" paragraph so that it is consistent with the other resolved paragraphs.

John Wightman, Chairperson