

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB947**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday February 11, 2016  
**Committee On:** Judiciary  
**Introducer:** Mello  
**One Liner:** State intent relating to professional or commercial licenses for certain aliens

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Chambers, Coash, Krist, Ebke, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Seiler, Williams

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

SEN. HEATH MELLO  
MARY MCKGEIGHAN  
ANA KAREN MENDEZ  
ZAIDA MENDEZ  
REYNA QUINTANA  
ALEJANDRO AYOTITLA  
ANTONIO PEREZ  
ANNA DEAL  
VALERIA SIAGALA  
JOHN SEYFARTH  
JENNIFER CREAGER  
YAJAIRA GONZALEZ

LAURA FIELD  
DANIA CERVANTES  
MARY BOSCHULT  
URIEL REYES VAZQUEZ  
LUIS OLIVAS  
SELMA DE ANDA  
FATIMA FLORES-LAGUNAS  
ARMANDO BECCERIL  
YOLANDA NUNCIO

ALEJANDRA ESCOBAR

MARIA HILL

JORDY GONZALEZ

**Representing:**

INTRODUCER  
OMAHA TOGETHER ON COMMUNITY  
HEARTLAND WORKERS CENTER  
SELF  
HEARTLAND WORKERS CENTER  
SELF  
HEARTLAND WORKER CENTER  
JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS  
SELF  
SELF  
GREATER OMAHA CHAMBER  
YOUNG NEBRASKANS IN ACTION, HEARTLAND  
WORKERS CENTER  
NEBRASKA CATTLEMENT  
SELF  
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
SELF  
SELF  
SELF  
HEARTLAND WORKERS CENTER  
SELF  
DR. THOMAS WALKER, CENTRAL COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE, GRAND ISLAND CAMPUS  
HEARTLAND WORKERS CENTER NEBRASKAN'S IN  
ACTION  
HEARTLAND WORKER CENTER, YOUNG  
NEBRASKANS IN ACTION  
SELF

BRIAN BLACKFORD  
DARCY TROMENHAUSER  
George Brandon Zambrano  
Shaylea Valentine

AILA, BLACKFORD LAW  
NEBRASKA APPLESEED  
Heartland Workers Center/Young Nebraskans In Action  
Heartland Workers Center/Young Nebraskans In Action

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB947 would amend section 4-111 to add a legislative finding that a person has demonstrated lawful presence for the purpose of obtaining a professional or commercial license by submitting an unexpired employment authorization document and documentation from a federal agency of the person's lawful status.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM2148 is a white copy amendment that adds one new section to the original bill and adds an emergency clause.

Section 3 would amend 38-129 to provide that a person with lawful status is eligible for a credential under the Uniform Credentialing Act.

Section 5 would add an emergency clause

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Les Seiler, Chairperson