

**ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2018**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB880**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday January 23, 2018  
**Committee On:** Urban Affairs  
**Introducer:** Hansen  
**One Liner:** Provide for an early childhood element in a comprehensive plan developed by a city

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

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 7 Senators Crawford, Hansen, Howard, Larson, Quick, Riepe, Wayne  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Matt Hansen  
Sarah Ann Kotchian  
Drew Theophilus  
John Spatz  
Elizabeth Everett  
Tracy Gordon

Brian Halstead  
Sharon Hueftle

**Opponents:**

**Neutral:**

Lynn Rex  
Jake Cheloha

**Representing:**

Legislative District #26  
Holland Children's Movement  
Dividends Nebraska  
Nebraska Association of School Boards  
First Five Nebraska  
Nebraska Association for the Education of Young Children  
Nebraska Department of Education  
Nebraska Regional Officials Council

**Representing:**

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League of Nebraska Municipalities  
City of Omaha

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

LB 880 would require that cities include an early childhood element in their comprehensive plans no later than January 1, 2022, either when adopting a new comprehensive plan or updating an existing comprehensive plan.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 1792 provides that to meet the requirements of the bill, cities may 1) acquire publicly available data and information from various sources, including the Department of Education and Department of Health & Human Services; 2) use a definition of "quality" found in existing programs, including, but not limited to the Step Up to Quality Child Care Act, the Sixpence Early Learning Fund, Head Start, and early childhood education programs offered by K-12 school districts; and 3) determine whether an early childhood education program is accredited by a national association recognized by the Department of Health & Human Services.

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Justin Wayne, Chairperson