

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB248**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday February 27, 2019  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Howard  
**One Liner:** Change terminology relating to hearing-impaired persons

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 7 Senators Arch, Cavanaugh, Hansen, B., Howard, Murman, Walz, Williams  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Sara Howard  
Jonathan Scherling  
Norm Weverka  
Cody McEvoy  
Peter Seiler  
Linsay Darnall, Jr.  
Edison McDonald

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Association of the Deaf  
Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
Nebraska Association of the Deaf  
Junior National Association of the Deaf  
The Arc of Nebraska

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB 248 replaces the term "hearing impaired" with the term "deaf or hard of hearing" when found in Nebraska statutes, specifically sections 20-126, 20-128, 20-131.01, 20-131.04, 28-1009.01, 71-4720, and 83-101.14. These sections of law encompass civil rights provisions, criminal statutes for violence against a service animal, and the creation of the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. (Sections 1-6.)

LB 248 also strikes language relating to the transfer of property from the Commission for the Hearing Impaired to the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in 1997. (Sec. 6, page 5, lines 15-18.)

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