

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB937

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 25, 2020
Committee On: Executive Board
Introducer: Brewer
One Liner: Require the display of tribal flags in the Capitol

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	8	Senators Bolz, Chambers, Hilgers, Hughes, Kolterman, McCollister, Scheer, Vargas
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Lowe

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Tom Brewer
Larry Wright Junior
Leonard Yankton
Judi Gaiashkibos
Don Wesely
Rose Godinez

Representing:

Self
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
Intertribal Spiritual Lodges, Nebraskans for Peace
Nebraska Indian Affairs
Winnebago Tribe
ACLU of Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

The bill would require the flags from the four federally recognized tribes with headquarters in Nebraska to be displayed in the Norris Legislative Chamber. The Commission on Indian Affairs would provide the flags through donations from the tribes.

The bill would also require that the flags of any Indian tribes with historic and regional connections to Nebraska, as designed by the Commission on Indian Affairs, be displayed in the Memorial Chamber on the 14th floor of the capitol. The Commission on Indian Affairs would also provide the flags for the 14th floor through donations from the tribes.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment requires that the flags be displayed in the Warner Legislative Chamber, rather than the Norris Legislative Chamber. It also clarifies that the Commission on Indian Affairs will provide the poles and bases, as well as the flags.

Mike Hilgers, Chairperson