

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB328

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 08, 2023
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Raybould
One Liner: Create the Office of Liaison for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 8 Senators Blood, DeBoer, DeKay, Geist, Holdcroft, Ibach, McKinney, Wayne
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Jane Raybould
Cheyenne Robinson
Don Wesely
Marian Holstein
Grace Johnson
Kent Rogert
Lestina Saul-Merdassi
Rose Godinez
Judi Gaiashkibos

Representing:

District 28
Omaha Tribe of Nebraska
Winnebago Tribe
Self
Rul Nation Healing
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska
Self
American Civil Liberties Union of Nebraska
Nebraska Commission on Indian Affairs

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Glen Parks

Representing:

Nebraska Attorney General's Office

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB328 would create a new section of statute to establish the Office of Liaison for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons within the Office of the Attorney General.

The Attorney General would be required to hire a specialist to staff the Office to gather information and coordinate among state, local, federal, and tribal entities to prevent and locate missing and murdered indigenous persons.

Explanation of amendments:

This amendment replaces the original bill.

Instead of creating a separate office and requiring the hiring of a specialist, AM620 would establish a liaison position within the Department of Justice under the supervision of the Attorney General.

Justin Wayne, Chairperson