

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB424

Chairperson: Senator Terrell McKinney

Committee: Urban Affairs

Date of Hearing: March 07, 2023

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB424 would create a state Department of Housing & Urban Development as an executive branch agency under the Governor. The chief executive officer of the Department would be the Director of Housing & Urban Development, appointed by the Governor subject to confirmation by the Legislature.

The Department of Housing & Urban Development would administer and serve as the lead state agency for state programs related to housing and homelessness, including the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the Homeless Shelter Assistance Trust Fund Act, the Rural Workforce Housing Investment Act, and the Middle Income Workforce Housing Investment Act. The Department would also provide state oversight of and assistance to housing authorities under the Nebraska Housing Agency Act.

Under LB424, any programs, duties, and functions transferred to the Department of Housing & Urban Development from other state agencies would be effective on July 1, 2024

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Wendy DeBoer