

# **One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB731**

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**Chairperson: Senator Tom Brewer**

**Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs**

**Date of Hearing: February 23, 2023**

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

Section 81-1087 currently prohibits the heads of certain state departments from holding any other public office or receiving any profit from other public or private employment.

These offices include (1) Department of Agriculture; (2) Department of Labor; (3) Department of Transportation; (4) Department of Natural Resources; (5) Department of Banking and Finance; (6) Department of Insurance; (7) Department of Motor Vehicles; (8) Department of Administrative Services; (9) Department of Economic Development; (10) Department of Correctional Services; (11) Nebraska State Patrol; and (12) Department of Health and Human Services.

There is a current exception in statute for service on public advisory or policymaking boards, commissions, committees, or councils.

This bill would add another exception for membership in a reserve component of the armed forces of the United States. The current state law is likely unenforceable against such individuals due to nondiscrimination provisions in the federal Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994. LB 731 would bring Nebraska law into compliance with this federal act.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Tom Brewer**