

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB1155**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday February 05, 2026  
**Committee On:** Executive Board  
**Introducer:** Dorn  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to legislative oversight

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

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	8	Senators Hansen, Ballard, Arch, Dorn, Fredrickson, Ibach, Jacobson, McKinney
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator Bostar
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Myron Dorn  
Steph Meese

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
Division of Legislative Oversight

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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

LB 1155 is a cleanup bill that makes changes and clarifications to provisions relating to legislative oversight that were enacted as part of LB 298 during the 2025 legislative session. The bill adjusts reporting requirements, clarifies timelines and authorities for the Legislative Oversight Committee and Inspectors General, and harmonizes language across multiple oversight statutes to ensure consistency and effective implementation of last year's reforms.

Section by Section Summary

Sec. 1: Amends provisions relating to access to records of juvenile probation officers and timelines for providing requested information to Inspectors General and other oversight officials.

Sec. 2: Updates reporting requirements under the Legislative Performance Audit Act, including clarifying when quarterly and annual confinement reports from juvenile facilities are submitted and compiled.

Sec. 3-6: Changes provisions of the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare Act and the Office of



Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System Act to align statutory intent language and references to the juvenile justice system. with safeguards on confidential tax information.

Sec. 7: Modifies due dates for annual reports (e.g., moving the due date for the Nebraska Correctional System Inspector General's annual report to October 15)

Sec. 8-9: Authorizes secure remote access for audit purposes by the Legislative Audit Office and the Auditor of Public Accounts, with safeguards on confidential tax information

Sec. 10: Establishes increased accountability for room confinement in juvenile facilities. Confinement longer than one hour in a 24-hour period must be documented and approved in writing by a facility supervisor.

Documentation must cover the date, juvenile's race, ethnicity, age, and gender; reason for confinement; why less restrictive options failed; exact duration (in hours and minutes); staffing levels at the time; and any self-harm or suicide incidents during isolation.

Written supervisor approval is required for confinements exceeding one hour.

Any physical or mental health evaluations conducted during confinement must be considered in decisions to initiate or continue it.

The Division must review all data to assess confinement usage, then prepare and electronically deliver an annual report to the Legislature with findings, recommended policy/practice changes to reduce confinement, and model evidence-based criteria for when confinement is appropriate.

Consecutive confinement periods to evade the section's intent are prohibited.

Sec. 11: Repeals original sections being amended.

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### **Explanation of amendments:**

The committee amendment replaces the original Sec. 10 of LB1155. The amendment refines the provisions on room confinement for juveniles in juvenile facilities to enhance accountability and oversight.

In subsection (2)(a): Expands documentation requirements for room confinements longer than one hour to specify the ultimate duration in hours and minutes, include facility staffing levels at the time of confinement, and note any incidents of self-harm or suicide committed by the juvenile while isolated.

In subsection (2)(c): Requires juvenile facilities to electronically submit quarterly reports to the Division of Legislative Oversight (instead of directly to the Legislature) on juveniles placed in room confinement, including details on length, demographics, staffing, and reasons. The report must address instances over four hours, reasons for unsuccessful returns to general population, corrective measures for noncompliance, and provide individual (not aggregate) data with redacted personal information. Submission timelines remain, with the initial report due within two weeks after September 30, 2016, and subsequent reports within four weeks after each quarter.

Adds a new subsection (2)(d): Requires all reports submitted under this section to be in a format determined necessary by the Division of Legislative Oversight for its review.

Assigns the Division of Legislative Oversight (specifically the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare or the Legislative Audit Office) to review collected data, assess room confinement use, and prepare an annual report on



findings, including policy changes to decrease confinement and model criteria for placement. The report is delivered electronically to the Legislature annually.

Retains subsections (3) and (4) prohibiting consecutive confinements to avoid the section's intent and outlining disciplinary actions for noncompliance by juvenile facilities.

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Ben Hansen, Chairperson

