

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB133

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 22, 2025
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Holdcroft
One Liner: Provide authority for animal control officers to enforce state or local animal control laws

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Bosn, DeBoer, Hallstrom, Holdcroft, Rountree, Storer, Storm
Nay:	1	Senator McKinney
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Rick Holdcroft
Steve Glandt

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Nebraska Humane Society

Opponents:

Abbi Romshek

Representing:

Nebraska Criminal Defense Attorneys Association

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 133 amends § 28-1008 to add "animal control officer" to the definition of "law enforcement officer" for purposes of animal control laws. This change gives animal control officers authority to enforce state or local animal control laws if authorized by a city, village, or county. The bill contains an emergency clause.

Explanation of amendments:

The Judiciary Committee Amendment, AM 251, adds a separate definition for "animal control officer" and includes "animal control officer" where "law enforcement officer" is used in sections 28-1012, 28-1012.01, and 28-1019, to allow both animal control officers and law enforcement officers to swear to warrants, conduct investigations, issue citations, and seize animals under animal control laws.



