

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB346

Hearing Date: Thursday February 13, 2025
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Arch
One Liner: Change qualifications of the State Capitol Administrator, provide for termination of boards, commissions, committees, councils, funds, panels, task forces, the Conservation Corporation Act, and the Nebraska Potato Development Act, and change and eliminate funds and powers and duties of departments and agencies

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 8 Senators Sanders, Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, McKeon, Wordekemper
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:
Senator John Arch
Kenny Zoeller
Lynne McNally
Steve Guenzel

Representing:
Opening Presenter
Governor Pillen
Propane Educational Research Council (PERC)
Fort Donelson Committee

Opponents:
Jon Nebel
Bob Ripley
Emily Roesler
Sage Leis
Josh Eickmeier

Representing:
Nebraska State Council of Electrical Workers
Self
American Institute of Architects, Nebraska Chapter
Nebraska Children's Commission
Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board

Neutral:
Kent Rogert

Representing:
Nebraska Association of Nurse Anesthetists

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill proposes numerous changes to statutes governing a variety of state agencies, boards, and commissions.

Sections 1, 2, and 3 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Nebraska Potato Development Act.



Section 4 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Climate Assessment Response Committee.

Sections 5 and 6 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Nebraska Aquaculture Board.

Section 7 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Racial Profiling Advisory Committee and thereafter would assign the duties of the Committee to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

Section 8 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Nebraska Children's Commission Advisory Committee and transfer the duties of that committee to the Nebraska Children's Commission.

Sections 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling and transfer their respective duties to the Board of Nursing and the Board of Mental Health Practice.

Sections 14, 15, and 16 would direct the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards to take responsibility for the County Highway and City Street Superintendents Act beginning on July 1, 2026 and would modify the composition of the Board accordingly.

Section 17 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board and would direct the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to develop a plan for administering the grant process previously overseen by the Board.

Section 18 would set the number of members of the Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council at eleven as of July 1, 2026.

Section 19 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Children's Behavioral Health Task Force.

Sections 20, 21, 22, and 23 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee and the Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee and transfer their responsibilities to the Nebraska Children's Commission.

Section 24 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Nebraska Worker Training Board and transfer its duties to the Department of Labor.

Section 25 makes a harmonizing change relating to the Conservation Corporation Act.

Sections 26 and 27 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board and transfer its responsibilities to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Section 28 makes harmonizing changes relating to the Propane Education and Research Council.

Section 29 would reduce the size of the Propane Education and Research Council from nine members to five members.

Section 30 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Natural Gas Fuel Board.

Sections 31, 32, and 33 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Women's Health Initiative Advisory



Council and a related fund.

Sections 34 and 35 would transfer the duties of the State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services to the State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services as of July 1, 2026.

Section 36 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Veterinary Prescription Monitoring Program Task Force.

Sections 37 and 38 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council.

Sections 39, 55, 59, and 60 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Advisory Council on Public Water Supply and the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Advisory Committee and transfer related duties to the Environmental Quality Council.

Section 40 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Advisory Committee.

Sections 41, 42, 43, 44, and 45 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Interagency Management Committee and the Critical Incident Stress Management Council and transfer related duties to DHHS.

Sections 46, 47, 51, and 52 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee and Suggestion Award Board and transfer related duties to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS).

Section 48 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Governor's Residence Advisory Committee.

Section 49 would change the personal qualifications required for the State Capitol Administrator.

Section 50 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the State Comprehensive Capital Facilities Planning Committee and transfer related duties to DAS-Building Division.

Sections 53 and 54 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Crime Commission's Human Trafficking Task Force.

Section 56 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Governor's Keep Nebraska Beautiful Committee.

Section 57 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for an advisory committee within the Department of Environment and Energy relating to state solid waste management programs.

Section 58 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the State Emergency Response Commission and transfer related duties to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency.

Section 61 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Willa Cather National Statuary Hall Selection Committee.

Section 62 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Chief Standing Bear National Statuary Hall Selection Committee.

Section 63 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the First Regiment Nebraska Volunteer Infantry at Fort



Donelson Committee.

Sections 64 and 65 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Nebraska Safety Center Advisory Council and transfer its duties to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

Section 66 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for an advisory council relating to the administration of the Private Postsecondary Career School Act and transfer its duties to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

Sections 67, 68, and 72 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Enhanced Wireless 911 Advisory Board and transfer its duties to the 911 Service System Advisory Committee.

Sections 69, 70, and 71 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for a technical panel and transfer its duties to the Nebraska Information Technology Commission.

Sections 73, 74, and 75 would add a termination date of July 1, 2026 for the Rural Broadband Task Force and a related fund.

Section 76 contains an operative date of July 1, 2026 for the outright repealer.

Sections 77, 78, and 79 contain the repealers.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 492 removes changes proposed by the original bill relating to the Nebraska Children's Commission Advisory Committee, the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board, the Nebraska Worker Training Board, the Motor Vehicle Industry Licensing Board, the Capitol Commission, the Governor's Keep Nebraska Beautiful Committee, and the First Regiment Nebraska Volunteer Infantry at Fort Donelson Committee.

Rita Sanders, Chairperson

