

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB519

Hearing Date: Friday February 28, 2025
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Juarez
One Liner: Require independent confirmatory testing of potential items of contraband or drugs in prisons

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Bosn, DeBoer, Hallstrom, Holdcroft, McKinney, Rountree,
Storer, Storm
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Margo Juarez
Jason Witmer

Representing:

Opening Presenter
ACLU of Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Doug Koebernick

Representing:

Inspector General of Corrections

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 519 changes procedures relating to confirmation testing before disciplinary measures are taken by the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services against an inmate for alcohol or drug violations.

LB 519 amends Section 83-4,114.02 to provide that as an alternative to urinalysis, an inmate may request any screening test, field test, presumptive test, or spot test of an item suspected of being or containing a contraband drug.

Explanation of amendments:

AM761 amends LB 519 to provide that if the confirmation test remains positive, the inmate shall be required to pay the cost of the confirmation test. Current law only provides that the inmate may be required to pay the cost of the confirmation test if such test remains positive.



Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

