

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB730

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 28, 2026
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Kauth
One Liner: Require schools and state agencies to designate restrooms and locker rooms based on sex and require state agencies to define an individual's sex as either male or female for purposes of rules and regulations, the enforcement of administrative actions, and adjudication of disputes

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	5	Senators Sanders, Andersen, Lonowski, Meyer, F., Wordekemper
Nay:	3	Senators Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Hunt
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Kathleen Kauth
Greg Brown
Leah Becker
Elizabeth Nunnally
Allison Davis
Marion Miner
Erin Friday
Kathy Wilmot
Wes Wilmot
Justin Jacobsen
Colin Wright
Julie Lane
Scott Thomas

Heather Hall

Opponents:

Alexander Liu
Michelle Jud
Ryan Sallans
Jane Erdenberger
Christon MacTaggart

Ashleigh Clarke

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Self
Self
Nebraska Family Alliance
Self
Nebraska Catholic Conference
Our Duty - USA
Nebraska Eagle Forum
Nebraska Eagle Forum
Self
Manhattan Institute
Women Are Real
Village In Progress, U S Institute of Diplomacy and Human Rights (USIDHR)
Self

Representing:

Self
Rainbow Parents of Nebraska
Ryan Sallans, Inc.
Omaha Public Schools
Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual & Domestic Violence
Nebraska Psychological Association



A.T. Miller	OutNebraska
Braden Foreman-Black	Kindred Psychology
Eric Reiter	Voices For Children In Nebraska
Kim Erwin	Self
Matthew Jeffrey	Self
Britta Tollefsrud	Kindred Psychology
Ryan Salem	Self
Sarah Cal	Self
Glenn Simonsen	Self
Kataryna Morton	Self
Kenneth Morton	Self
Jessie McGrath	Self
Ron Cunningham	Self
Taylor Bogus	Self
Sean Hill	Self
Rebecca Wells	Self
Lori Ashmore	Self
Jen Day	Women's Fund of Omaha
Jenne Lozano	Self
Jessie Diggins	Self
Katherine Poehling	Omaha Education Association
Hannah Poehling-Wright	Self
Cece Crozier	Self
Devin Crozier	Self
David Mendoza Torres	Self
Brad Olberding	Self
Annabel Lee Journey	Self
Kim Terry	Self
Amara Pace	Self
Alma Cerretta	Self
Abbey Ragain	Self
Darcy Force	Self
Jacob Thiem	Self
Jamel JW Connor	American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
Vesper Diana LaThary	Self
Lisa Ball	Self
Heather Rhea	Self
Carolyn Curry	AAPI American Academy of Pediatrics
Leland Doran	Self
Kyra Britt	Self
Anne DeVries	Self
William Manhart	Self
Lia Post	self
Dan Tibbitts	Self
Jennifer Catlett	Self
Christy Knorr	Self
Sheri Shuler	Self
Jill Brown	Self
Benjamin Hurlburt	Self



Lucian Blazek	Self
Karen Williams	Self
Leah Middendorf	Self
Janet Morton	Self
Aubree Jacox	Self
Felix Hawkswell	Self
Lucia Salinas	Self
Audrey Anderson	Self
Jill Dibbern Manhart	Self

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill proposes changes relating to restrooms and locker rooms maintained by public schools and state agencies.

Section 1 contains definitions for the terms “boy,” “designate,” “female,” “girl,” “male,” “man,” “public school,” “sex,” and “woman.”

This section also includes provisions that would require public schools to designate each group restroom within the school as one of the following: for males, for females, single occupancy, or for family use. This section would also prohibit schools from allowing males to use female-designated restrooms or females from using male-designated restrooms. This section contains exceptions for custodial or maintenance workers, entrance to render emergency assistance, and parental or caregiver assistance for a minor child or a person with a disability. This section provides similar requirements for school locker rooms, with similar exceptions. There is also explicit recognition of the rights afforded by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 for individuals born with a diagnosis of a disorder or difference in sex development. Public school governing bodies would be required to adopt a policy implementing this new law. Retaliation by the school would be prohibited against individuals making reports of violations of the law.

Section 2 contains definitions for the terms “boy,” “designate,” “female,” “girl,” “male,” “man,” “postsecondary educational institution,” “sex,” and “woman.” This section also contains restroom and locker room-related provisions mirroring those found in Section 1 but applied here to postsecondary educational institutions.

Section 3 contains definitions for the terms “boy,” “designate,” “female,” “girl,” “male,” “man,” “sex,” “state agencies,” and “woman.” This section also contains restroom and locker room-related provisions mirroring those found in Section 1 but applied here to state agencies in state-owned facilities.

Section 4 would require that each state agency define an individual’s sex as either male or female in any future rules and regulations or administrative enforcement actions.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 1975 would add the word "only" into language directing state agencies to define an individual's sex as either male or female.



