

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB298

Chairperson: Senator Ben Hansen

Committee: Executive Board

Date of Hearing: February 18, 2025

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 298 creates the Division of Legislative Oversight within the Legislative Council and allows for the appointment of a Director of Legislative Oversight by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Legislature. The director would serve a 6-year term and could only be removed for cause as determined by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature. Under the bill, the Legislative Audit Office, the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare and the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System would be moved to the Division of Legislative Oversight.

LB 298 creates the Legislative Oversight Committee as a special legislative committee to oversee the Division of Legislative Oversight and to perform the duties provided for in the Legislative Performance Act, the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare Act, and the Office of Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System Act. The committee would be composed of the Speaker of the Legislature, the chairperson of the Executive Board of the Legislative Council, the chairperson of the Appropriations Committee, the chairperson of the Judiciary Committee, the chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee and four other members of the Legislature appointed by the Executive Board.

LB 298 calls for the termination of the Legislative Performance Audit special committee.

The bill contains the emergency clause.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator John Arch