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Appropriations Committee February 28, 2025

CLEMENTS: Good afternoon. Welcome to the Appropriations Committee. My name is Rob Clements, and I'm from Elmwood and represent Legislative District 2, which is Cass County and eastern Lancaster County. I serve as chair of this committee. We will start off by having the members do self-introductions, starting with my far right.

M. CAVANAUGH: Machaela Cavanaugh, District 6: west central Omaha, Douglas County.

LIPPINCOTT: Loren Lippincott, District 34.

DORN: Myron Dorn, District 30.

CLEMENTS: Other, other senators may be in other committees and may be coming and going during the day. Assisting the committee today is Cori Bierbaum, our committee clerk. To my left is our fiscal analyst, Nikki Swope. And our pages Demet Gedik and Wesley Earhart. If you are planning on testifying today, please fill out a green testifier sheet located in the back of the room and hand it to the page when they come up to testify. Online position comments must have been submitted on the Legislature's website by 8:00 a.m., the day of the hearing, to be included in the record. If you have submitted a comment online, we ask that you not testify in person today. If you will not be testifying, but want to go on record as having a position on a bill being heard today. There are yellow sign-in sheets at the entrance to my left. These sign-in sheets will become ex-- exhibits in the permanent record after today's hearing. To facilitate today's hearing, I ask that you abide by the following procedures. Please silence your cell phones. Move to the front chairs to testify when your bill or agency is up, if possible. When we hear testimony regarding agencies, we will first hear from a representative of the agency. Then we will hear testimony from anyone who wishes to speak about the agency's budget request. When you come to testify, please state and spill your first and last names for the record before you testify. Be concise. We request that you limit your testimony to five minutes or less. When you begin your testimony, the light on the table will be green. When the yellow light comes on, you have one minute remaining. And the red light indicates you need to wrap up your final thought and stop. Questions from the committee may follow. Written material may be distributed to the committee members as exhibits only while testimony is being offered. Hand them to the page for distribution when you come up to testify. If you have written testimony but do not have 12 copies, please let the page know so they can make copies for you. With that, we will begin

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today's hearing with Agency 81, Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired. And we welcome a representative. Good afternoon.

[AGENCY HEARINGS]

ARMENDARIZ: Any other testifiers for Agency 65? Seeing none, we have no online comments. And that concludes our hearing for Agency 65. Thank you.