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Appropriations Committee March 6, 2025

CLEMENTS: Good afternoon. Welcome to the Appropriations Committee, my name is Rob Clements. 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.

LIPPINCOTT: Loren Lippincott, District 34.

ARMENDARIZ: Christy Armendariz, District 18.

STROMMEN: Paul Strommen, District 47.

CLEMENTS: Other committee members may be introducing bills in other committees. Assisting the committee today is Cori Bierbaum, our committee clerk. And to my left is our fiscal analyst, Nikki Swope. And our pages today are Demet Gedik and Wesley Earhart, UNL students. If you, you're 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 you 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 the 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 exhibits in the permanent record after today's hearing. To better 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 agency is up. 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 on the agency's budget request. When you come to testify, please state and spell your first and last name 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 will 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 would begin today's hearing with Agency 82, Commission on

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Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Agency representative, please come forward.
Good afternoon.

[AGENCY HEARINGS]

CLEMENTS: Any others here wishing to testify regarding the Asian-American Commission? Seeing none, we have, we have comments for the record. Proponents, 3. Opponents, 1. Neutral, 0. That concludes Agency 97, Asian-American Affairs Commission. And that concludes our business for today.