

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB111

Hearing Date: Thursday February 16, 2023
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: McDonnell
One Liner: Adopt the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Aguilar, Brewer, Conrad, Halloran, Hunt, Lowe, Raybould, Sanders

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Mike McDonnell
Clarence King
Karol Swotek
Brian Brim
Cathleen Plager

Representing:

Introducer
Serve Nebraska
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Self
Serve Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 111 proposes making the Nebraska Volunteer Service Commission a statutory agency. The commission's voting membership would include between fifteen and twenty-five unpaid individuals, the composition of which is set out in the bill. The commission would be authorized to hire an executive director, who in turn would be authorized to administer the Act and to hire up to fifteen full-time staff members. The commission would be required to meet at least four times each year, to make recommendations to the governor a national and community service plan, to administer a program for competitively enrolling service organizations, preparing grant applications, and otherwise administering duties under the Act. The commission would be required to file an annual report with the Legislature about its activities. The bill would also effect the transfer of employees, property, appropriations, salary limits, and financial obligations from the old commission within DHHS

to the new independent commission created by the Act.

Tom Brewer, Chairperson