

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2024
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1417

Hearing Date: Thursday February 29, 2024
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Brewer
One Liner: Create, eliminate, terminate, and provide, change, eliminate, and transfer powers, duties, and membership of boards, commissions, committees, councils, task forces, panels, authorities, and departments and change and eliminate funds

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Aguilar, Brewer, Conrad, Halloran, Hunt, Lowe, Raybould, Sanders
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Tom Brewer
Dave Lopez
Jason Jackson

Bo Botelho

Opponents:

Monica Gross
Ronald Dupell
Kody Moffatt
Sarah Helvey
Joe Miller

Sara Crook
Cameron Ellison
Roxann Ellison

David Wellsandt
Tom Laging
Haley Waggoner
Bob Ripley
Ben Welsch

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Governor Chief of Staff
Nebraska Department of Administrative Services (DAS)
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Representing:

Foster Care Review Office
Self
Nebraska Medical Association
Nebraska Appleseed
Nebraska Medical Association (NMA), Nebraska Academy of Family Physicians (NAFP)
Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission
Hearing Instrument Specialists Board
Nebraska Licensed Hearing Instrument Dispensers and Fitters
Self
Self
Special Olympics Nebraska
American Institute of Architects (A.I.A.) and Self
Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA)



Tiffany Armstrong
Brad Meurrens
Kristen Larsen
Jeff Searcy

Self
Disability Rights Nebraska
Nebraska Council on Developmental Disabilities
Self

Neutral:

Greg Holloway

Jerry Stilmock

Shannon Black

Tyler Kohtz

Felicia Nelsen

Heather Schmidt

Representing:

Nebraska Veteran Council, Nebraska Veteran Home Board

Nebraska State Firefighters Association, Nebraska Fire Chiefs Association

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM)

Nebraska Real Property Appraiser Board

Nebraska Children's Commission

Self

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Summary:

This bill proposes consolidation or outright termination of numerous state committees, boards, and commissions.

Section 1 proposes consolidating the Abstracters Board of Examiners and the Real Property Appraiser Board into the Board of Abstracters and Appraisers.

Section 2 proposes consolidating the Nebraska Capitol Commission, Nebraska State Capitol Environs Commission, Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission, and Governor's Residence Advisory Commission into the Capitol and Hall of Fame Commission.

Section 3 would create the Commission for K-12 Education, which would take over the responsibilities of the Nebraska Elementary and Secondary School Finance Authority, the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council, and the State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

Section 4 would terminate the Nebraska Hemp Program Fund and transfer any funds therein to the Noxious Weed Cash Fund.

Section 5 would add a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Nebraska Hemp Commission.

Sections 6 and 7 remove references to the Nebraska Hemp Commission.

Section 8 would add a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Nebraska Potato Development Committee.

Section 9 would add a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Climate Assessment Response Committee.

Section 10 would add a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Nebraska Aquaculture Board.

Section 11 would add a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Racial Profiling Advisory Committee and thereafter transfer the responsibilities of the Committee to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.



Section 12 would add a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Nebraska Children's Commission Advisory Committee.

Section 13 would add a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses, Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling, and Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists.

Section 14 clarifies that references in statute to the Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses would on and after July 1, 2025 refer to the Board of Nursing.

Section 15 clarifies that references in statute to the Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling would on and after July 1, 2025 refer to the Board of Mental Health Practice.

Section 16 clarifies that references in statute to the Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists would on and after July 1, 2025 refer to the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.

Section 17 would assign oversight of the County Highway and City Street Superintendents Act to the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. This section also provides for a new composition of such board after July 1, 2025.

Section 18 clarifies that references in statute to the Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents would on and after July 1, 2025 refer to the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards.

Section 19 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents.

Section 20 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Foster Care Advisory Committee.

Section 21 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board and further provides that the duties of such board would be transferred on that date to the Department of Health and Human Services.

Section 22 contains a harmonizing change.

Section 23 would change the composition of the Nebraska Children's Commission

Section 24 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Children's Behavioral Health Task Force.

Section 25 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee and the Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee and transfers their duties to the Nebraska Children's Commission.

Section 26 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee.

Section 27 eliminates a number of duties assigned to DHHS relating to the Children's Behavioral Health Task Force.

Section 28 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee.

Section 29 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Nebraska Worker Training Board and transfers its duties to the Department of Labor.



Section 30 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Propane Education and Research Council.

Section 31 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Natural Gas Fuel Board.

Section 32 transfers the duties of the State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services to the State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services, effective July 1, 2025.

Section 33 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services.

Section 34 removes a reference to the Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities.

Section 35 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Veterinary Prescription Monitoring Program Task Force.

Section 36 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Brain Injury Oversight Committee.

Section 37 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Advisory Council on Public Water Supply.

Section 38 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Advisory Committee.

Section 39 contains a harmonizing reference.

Section 40 removes a reference to the Critical Incident Stress Management Council and makes changes to the definitions of “emergency service agency” and “emergency service personnel.”

Section 41 removes a duty from the Critical Incident Stress Management Program.

Section 42 changes the composition of the Interagency Management Committee.

Section 43 changes mandatory rulemaking authority to permissive rulemaking authority for DHHS with respect to the Critical Incident Stress Management Program.

Section 44 eliminates duties relating to the Critical Incident Stress Management Program.

Section 45 modifies the duties of the Critical Incident Stress Management Council.

Section 46 would move up the termination date of the Primary Care Investment Council from July 1, 2029 to July 1, 2025.

Section 47 provides a change, effective on July 1, 2025, for the process relating to the appraisal of lands held by the Board of Educational Lands and Funds.

Section 48 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission.

Section 49 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee.

Section 50 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Governor’s Residence Advisory Commission.

Section 51 proposes harmonizing changes relating to the Board of Abstracters and Appraisers.



Section 52 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Abstracters Board of Examiners.

Section 53 changes a definition relating to real property appraisal.

Section 54 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Real Property Appraiser Board.

Section 55 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for any advisory committee established by the State Board of Education and transfers their duties to the Commission on K-12 Education.

Section 56 would direct the State Treasurer to transfer remaining funds in the Professional Practices Commission Fund to the Certification Fund as soon as practicable.

Sections 57 and 58 remove references to the Professional Practices Commission.

Section 59 removes the word “teachers” from a statute relating to the revocation of teacher and administrator certificates.

Section 60 eliminates references to interactions between the State Board of Education and the Professional Practices Commission.

Section 61 eliminates a reference to the Professional Practices Commission.

Section 62 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council and provides that the Commission on K-12 Education take over its duties at that time.

Section 63 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Nebraska Elementary and Secondary School Finance Authority and provides that the Commission on K-12 Education take over its duties at that time.

Section 64 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the State Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children and provides that the Commission on K-12 Education take over its duties at that time.

Section 65 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Veterans’ Homes Board.

Section 66 would direct the Veterans’ Advisory Commission to assume the duties of the Veterans’ Homes Board on July 1, 2025.

Section 67 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Nebraska Fire Safety Appeals Board.

Section 68 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the State Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors.

Section 69 provides for the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to assume the duties of the Suggestion Award Board and the Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee, effective July 1, 2025.

Section 70 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Nebraska Capitol Commission.

Section 71 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Suggestion Award Board.

Section 72 provides for the Environmental Quality Council to assume the duties of the Advisory Council on Public



Water and the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Advisory Committee, effective July 1, 2025.

Section 73 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Governor's Keep Nebraska Beautiful Committee.

Section 74 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the advisory committee formed for the study of the solid waste management program operated by the Department of Environment and Energy.

Section 75 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Advisory Committee.

Section 76 directs the Board of Engineers and Architects to assume the duties of the State Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors.

Section 77 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Willa Cather National Statuary Hall Selection Committee.

Section 78 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Standing Bear National Statuary Hall Selection Committee.

Section 79 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the First Regiment Nebraska Volunteer Infantry at Fort Donelson Committee.

Section 80 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities.

Section 81 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Nebraska Safety Center Advisory Council and directs the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education to take over its duties at that time.

Section 82 directs the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education to take over the duties of the Nebraska Safety Center Advisory Council and the advisory council appointed pursuant to the Private Postsecondary Career School Act.

Section 83 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the advisory board created under the Private Postsecondary Career School Act and transfers its duties to the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education.

Section 84 changes a reference to the Enhanced 911 Advisory Board.

Section 85 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Enhanced 911 Advisory Board

Section 86 provides for the Nebraska Information Technology Commission (NITC) to assume the duties of its technical panel on July 1, 2025.

Section 87 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the technical panel under the NITC.

Section 88 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for Section 86-1101, relating to broadband telecommunications services.

Section 89 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Rural Broadband Task Force.



Section 90 would terminate the Rural Broadband Task Force Fund and direct the State Treasurer to transfer any money remaining in the fund to the General Fund.

Section 91 provides a termination date of July 1, 2025 for the Nebraska State Capitol Environs Commission.

Section 92 contains the partial repealer.

Section 93 contains the outright repealer.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 3346 to LB 1417:

This amendment removes twenty-one boards, commissions, committees, and councils from the original bill. Twenty-seven others would be eliminated, and three would be consolidated into another commission.

Changes relating to the following entities were removed from the bill entirely:

1. Board of Abstracters and Appraisers
2. Real Property Appraiser Board
3. Nebraska Capitol Commission
4. Nebraska State Capitol Environs Commission
5. Nebraska Hall of Fame Commission
6. Teacher Committee to Review Statement Assessment of Reporting Plan
7. Nebraska Elementary and Secondary School Finance Authority
8. Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council
9. Nebraska Hemp Commission
10. Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists
11. Foster Care Advisory Committee
12. Nebraska Coalition for Juvenile Justice
13. Propane Education and Research Council
14. Brain Ultnjury Oversight Committee
15. Critical Incident Stress Management Council
16. Primary Care Investment Council
17. Professional Practices Commission
18. Veterans' Homes Board
19. Fire Safety Appeals Board
20. State Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors
21. Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities

The following entities would be consolidated into the Nebraska Children's Commission:

1. Children's Commission Advisory Group
2. Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee
3. Bridge to Independence Advisory Committee

Finally, the following entities would be terminated:

1. Governor's Residence Advisory Commission
2. Nebraska Potato Development Committee
3. Climate Assessment Response Committee



4. Nebraska Aquaculture Board
5. Racial Profiling Advisory Committee (Crime Commission to assume duties)
6. Board of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (Board of Nursing to assume duties)
7. Board of Alcohol and Drug Counseling (Board of Mental Health Practice to assume duties)
8. Board of Examiners for County Highway and City Street Superintendents (Board of Public Roads Classification and standards to assume duties, with addition or highway superintendent to Board)
9. Nebraska Child Abuse Prevention Fund Board (DHHS to assume duties)
10. Children's Behavioral Health Task Force
11. Nebraska Worker Training Board (Department of Labor to assume duties)
12. State Advisory Committee on Substance Abuse Services (State Advisory Committee on Mental Health Services to assume duties)
13. Veterinary Prescription Monitoring Program Task Force
14. Advisory Council on Public Water Supply (Environmental Quality Council to assume duties)
15. Breast Cancer and Cervical Cancer Advisory Committee
16. Vacant Building and Excess Land Committee (Department of Administrative Services to assume duties)
17. Suggestion Award Board (Department of Administrative Services to assume duties)
18. Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Advisory Committee (Environmental Quality Council to assume duties)
19. Governor's Keep Nebraska Beautiful Committee
20. DEE Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee
21. Chief Standing Bear National Statuary Hall Selection Committee
22. First Regiment Nebraska Volunteer Infantry at Fort Donelson Committee
23. Nebraska Safety Center Advisory Council (Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education to assume duties)
24. Private Postsecondary Career Schools Advisory Council (Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education to assume duties)
25. Enhanced 911 Advisory Board (911 Service System Advisory Committee to assume duties)
26. Technology Review Panel for the Information Technology Commission (Information Technology Commission to assume duties)
27. Rural Broadband Study Task Force (funds transfer to General Fund)

Tom Brewer, Chairperson

