

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB278**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday January 30, 2023  
**Committee On:** Banking, Commerce and Insurance  
**Introducer:** Walz  
**One Liner:** Provide duties for the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority and the Department of Economic Development relating to housing for persons with disabilities

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Aguilar, Ballard, Bostar, Dungan, Jacobson, Kauth, Slama, von Gillern  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Lynn Walz  
Josephine Litwinowicz  
Shannon Harner  
Brad Meurrens  
Alicia Christensen

**Representing:**

Nebraska Legislature  
Higher Power Church  
Nebraska Investment Finance Authority  
Disability Rights Nebraska  
Together - Omaha

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accomodation Written Testimony

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

The bill would amend section 58-201 of the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority Act (Act), as well add two new sections to the Act. The bill would provide, section by section, as follows:

Section 1 amends section 58-201 to include Section 2 within the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority Act.

Section 2 defines Olmstead Plan as used in Section 2. It also requires the authority to use its best efforts to obtain state and federal grants for the purpose of building safe, affordable, and accessible housing for individuals with disabilities, and requires the authority to collaborate with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in obtaining such grants.

Section 3 defines Olmstead Plan as used in Section 3. It also requires the Department of Economic Development (DED) to

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use its best efforts to obtain state and federal grants for the purpose of building safe, affordable, and accessible housing for individuals with disabilities, and requires the DED to collaborate with DHHS in obtaining such grants.

Section 4 states that the Revisor of Statutes shall assign Section 3 to Chapter 81, article 12.

Section 5 repeals the original section being amended.

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Julie Slama, Chairperson