

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB513

Hearing Date: Friday February 10, 2023
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Brewer
One Liner: Change proof of publication requirements for legal notices and requirements for published notice and virtual conferencing under the Open Meetings 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 Tom Brewer

Lynn Rex

John Spatz

Elaine Menzel

Robin Spady

Dean Edson

Kevin Edwards

Representing:

Introducer

League of Nebraska Municipalities

Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB)

Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO)

Nebraska Municipal Power Pool, Public Alliance for Community Energy and Nebraska Power Association

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Papillion Rural Fire District, Millard Suburban Fire District

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Dennis DeRossett

Representing:

Nebraska Press Association

* ADA Accomodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill contains two elements: (1) provisions to provide for alternative means of public notice under the Open Meetings Act where timely newspaper publication is unavailable, and (2) the addition of two categories of public bodies that may expand their utilization of videoconferencing for their public meetings.

Tom Brewer, Chairperson