

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2024**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB887**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday February 01, 2024  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Brewer  
**One Liner:** Adopt the Nebraska Nonprofit Security Grant Program Act

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

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	7	Senators Aguilar, Brewer, Conrad, Halloran, Hunt, Lowe, Sanders
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator Raybould
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Tom Brewer  
James Wright  
Harmon Maples  
Sharon Brodkey  
Tom Venzor  
Abbi Swatsworth  
Andrew Dominguez Farias

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
Congressman Don Bacon  
Anti-Defamation League  
Jewish Community Relations Council  
Nebraska Catholic Conference  
Out Nebraska  
Asian Community & Cultural Center

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

Keith Kollasch

**Representing:**

Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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

This bill would create a grant program to facilitate the development and improvement of security measures at Nebraska nonprofit organizations.

Section 1 provides the title of the act.

Section 2 defines terms used in the act.

Section 3 would create the Nebraska Nonprofit Security Grant Program to be administered by the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). It provides that eligibility for a grant would be conditioned on prior



submission of an application for a federal nonprofit security grant and non-receipt of the requested federal funding. It also provides a list of authorized uses for grant monies. NEMA would commence grant-making on January 1, 2025. Annual grant awards would be capped at \$500,000, and individual recipient organizations would have an annual grant cap of \$100,000.

Section 4 prohibits use of grant monies for replacement of current organizational expenses or purchases of equipment for security personnel.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 2554

This amendment proposes changes to the definition and qualifications for a "qualified nonprofit organization," makes the grant program a reimbursement-based program, and calls for the creation of a working group of stakeholders to advise NEMA in its grant-making under the program.

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Tom Brewer, Chairperson

