

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB167

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 28, 2015
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Mello
One Liner: Provide duties for the Office of Violence Prevention and change funding provisions

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Chambers, Coash, Ebke, Krist, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Seiler, Williams

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

SEN. HEATH MELLO
GREG GONZALEZ

Representing:

INTRODUCER
OMAHA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB167 would amend section 81-1450 to require the Office of Violence Prevention to file an annual report to the Legislature, and to change funding priorities for violence prevention programs.

Reporting requirement

The annual report would keep the Legislature informed about the work of the Office of Violence Prevention regarding its activities to develop, foster, promote, and assess violence prevention programs. The report would also include information about the status of program fundraising, evaluation, and coordination, and the administration and distribution of funds to programs.

Funding priorities

The responsibilities of the advisory council to the Office of Violence Prevention include making recommendations to the Crime Commission regarding rules and regulations for program fundraising, program evaluation, coordination of programs, and the criteria used to assess and award funds to violence prevention programs.

Currently, priority for funding shall be given to communities and organizations seeking to implement violence prevention programs whose goals include the reduction of street and gang violence, and the reduction of homicides and injuries

caused by firearms.

LB167 would add a third priority - the creation of youth employment opportunities in high-crime areas.

Les Seiler, Chairperson