

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB282

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 11, 2015
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Baker
One Liner: Change provisions relating to closed sessions for public bodies

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Bloomfield, Craighead, Garrett, Groene, Larson, McCoy, Murante
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Hansen

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Roy Baker
Kelley Baker
John Spatz
Jon Habben

Representing:

Introducer
Self
Nebraska Association of School Boards
Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association

Opponents:

Mike Reilly
David Bundy
Jacquelyn Harms

Representing:

Omaha World Herald; Media of Nebraska
Lincoln Journal Star; Media of Nebraska
Nebraska Broadcasters Association; KNOP-TV, Gray Media
Beatrice Daily Sun
Media of Nebraska, Inc.

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 282 narrows language to allow a public body to hold a closed session to evaluate the job performance of a non-elected official or employee if that person has not requested a public meeting. Previously, closed sessions were allowed simply to prevent needless injury to the reputation of a person.

The bill also allows public bodies to hold closed sessions to discuss applicants (other than finalists) who have applied for employment by the public body.
