

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LR418**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday February 08, 2016  
**Committee On:** Executive Board  
**Introducer:** Howard  
**One Liner:** Provide the Executive Board of the Legislative Council appoint a special committee to be known as the ACCESSNebraska Oversight Committee of the Legislature

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Report to the Legislature for further consideration

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 9 Senators Campbell, Chambers, Coash, Hadley, Hughes, Krist, Larson, Murante, Watermeier  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

<b>Proponents:</b> Senator Sara Howard James Goddard	<b>Representing:</b> Introducer Nebraska Appleseed
<b>Opponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
<b>Neutral:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>

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

This resolution creates the ACCESSNebraska Oversight Committee of the Legislature. The oversight committee would be a follow-up to the special investigative committees created in 2014 by LR400 and in 2015 by LR33.

The LR33 report recommended that the special committee should continue as an oversight committee to provide oversight and an ongoing dialogue between the Legislature and DHHS to ensure continued improvement in the system.

The committee would continue to study the adequacy of staffing and training of DHHS employees working with the system. The committee would also look at the adequacy of technology used within the system, the effectiveness of processes and structures used by the system, and the need for new or additional data collection to determine system effectiveness.

The special committee would also analyze the experiences of clients and their family members and examine customer service experience, access to benefits, and responses to changing family needs.

The Executive Board would appoint seven members to the special committee and would select the chairperson and vice-chairperson. Senators who were members of the LR33 (2015) special committee were Senators Howard (C), McCollister (VC), Craighead, Crawford, Hansen, Riepe and Stinner.

The special oversight committee may issue a report with its findings and recommendations no later than December 15, 2016.

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Bob Krist, Chairperson