LB277	
Introducer's Statement of Intent	
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Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

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The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 277 would make three changes regarding the Nebraska Board of Parole. The first change would be to require that, starting in 2020, one member of the Board would have professional experience treating mental illness or substance abuse. The second change would require that the Board elect its own chairperson rather than having the chairperson appointed by the governor. The third change would modify the term of appointment to the Board of Parole to one term of eight years. Currently, Board members are appointed to six-year terms and can be reappointed to additional terms.

Principal Introducer:	
•	Senator John McCollister