

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2024
COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)
LB1285

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 28, 2024
Committee On: Executive Board
Introducer: Walz
One Liner: Create the Task Force on Supported Employment

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

Vote Results:

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| Aye: | 8 | Senators Aguilar, Arch, Ballard, Bostar, Jacobson, Lowe, Riepe, Vargas |
| Nay: | 1 | Senator Slama |
| Absent: | | |
| Present Not Voting: | | |

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Lynne Walz
Alex Reuss

Kristen Larsen
Alana Schriver
Stacy Pfeifer

Andy Foust
Brad Meurrens
Ryan Neal
Edison McDonald

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce, Omaha Chamber,
Lincoln Chamber
Nebraska Council on Developmental Disabilities
Nebraska Council on Developmental Disabilities
Enable Savings Plan, Office of Nebraska State
Treasurer
Self
Disability Rights Nebraska
Apace (formerly Region V Services)
The ARC of Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1285 would create the Task Force on Supported Employment. The task force would be tasked with studying the barriers to supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in attaining and maintaining employment.

Under the bill, the task force is required to review various existing reports and recommendations related to



employment for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and submit a report with an action plan to the Legislature and the Governor no later than December 1, 2025.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 2850 makes a number of changes to the membership of the task force, including:

- * Removing a member of the Appropriations Committee from the task force;
- * Making remaining legislative members of the task force non-voting members;
- * Changing the representative of a Nebraska organization that advocates for the rights of individuals with disabilities from a non-voting member to a voting member;
- * Adding a representative of a statewide disability organization with recorded members in at least ten counties appointed by the Governor as a voting member;
- * Adding an employee of the State Treasurer carrying out the achieving a better life experience program appointed by the State Treasurer as a non-voting member;
- * Clarifying language regarding several members of the task force; and
- * Providing that the members of the task force should elect a chairperson and that seven voting members of the task force shall constitute a quorum;

Additionally, AM 2850 requires that the task force study employment opportunities available to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, clarifies the requirements of the task force report, changes the task force report submission deadline to July 1, 2026, and terminates the task force on December 31, 2026.

Raymond Aguilar, Chairperson

