

# **One Hundred Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2024**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB1169**

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**Chairperson: Senator Tom Brewer**

**Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs**

**Date of Hearing: February 01, 2024**

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

LB1169 makes changes to the Nebraska State Historical Society for the purpose of enhancing oversight and accountability. The bill makes the State Historical Society a code agency and creates the position of a Director to oversee the agency's operations.

The Director is appointed by the Governor, subject to legislative approval, and serves at the pleasure of the Governor. Duties are assigned to the Director specific to the mission of the Society and for purposes of fiscal accountability, which includes biennial reporting and reporting requirements of all gifts received. The Director is prohibited from serving on or advising a charitable organization that financially supports the Nebraska State Historical Society.

The bill establishes thresholds for the donation and acceptance of real property and monetary gifts and stipulates that all such gifts are subject to the Governor's approval. The Board of Trustees is responsible for membership classes and advising the Director on fulfilling his/her statutory obligations.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Steve Erdman**