ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013 COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED) I R20

Hearing Date: Monday January 28, 2013

Committee On: Executive Board

Introducer: Lathrop

One Liner: Provide for continuation of the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Report to the Legislature for further consideration

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Adams, Campbell, Chambers, Christensen, Karpisek, Krist,

Lathrop, Wightman

Nay:

Absent: 1 Senator Avery

Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Steve Lathrop Introducer

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This resolution reauthorizes the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee of the Legislature. This special committee was first established in 2008 by LR 283, reauthorized in 2009 by LR 11 (for a two-year period), LR 47 in 2011 and LR 365 in 2012.

LR 365 would require the Executive Board to reappoint the committee to include 7 members. The Board would also appoint the chairperson and vice-chairperson, with consideration given to reappointing the current chairperson and vice-chairperson.

The special committee would be authorized to continue to: Study the quality of care and related staffing issues at the Beatrice State Developmental Center; investigate the placement and quality of care statewide for the developmentally disabled in Nebraska; review the processes of eligibility determinations, as well as processes used to determine when individuals are no longer eligible for such services; and provide oversight to ensure that the terms of the U.S. Department of Justice Consent Decree and the Developmental Disabilities Special Investigative Committee's 2008 recommendations are implemented in a timely fashion.

The special committee would continue its work until January 2015.

John Wightman, Chairperson