

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1205

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 16, 2022
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: McKinney
One Liner: Provide powers and duties for the Nebraska State Historical Society and provide for the development of the Ernie Chambers History-Arts-Humanities Museum

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye:	5	Senators Blood, Brewer, Hansen, M., Hunt, McCollister
Nay:	2	Senators Halloran, Lowe
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Sanders

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Terrell McKinney
Gayla Lee-Chambers
Levelle Wells
Pauline Dulang
Manuel Cook
Melissa Dirr Gengler
Jennifer Honebrink

Representing:

Introducer
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Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Trevor Jones

Representing:

Nebraska State Historical Society

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1205 would create the Ernie Chambers History-Arts-Humanities Museum Assistance Fund, which would be used for constructing a museum of the same namesake. The Nebraska State History Society ("History Nebraska") would administer the fund, which would consist of any gifts and grants as well as any state or federal appropriations. History Nebraska would be required by December 21, 2022 to execute a memorandum of understanding with a Nebraska charitable organization which includes detailed plans for development and construction of the museum.

Explanation of amendments:

Explanation of amendment AM 2308 to LB 2105:

AM 2308 modifies section 1 of the original bill to clarify the Nebraska State Historical Society's (NSHS) duties and authority

with respect to the fund to be created for the proposed museum project. The amendment adds language authorizing NSHS to expend up to ten percent of available funds for administration of the fund. The amendment also eliminates language referring to private gifts and instead describes the contents of the fund as consisting of "transfers authorized by the Legislature and funds from any federal and state sources."

AM 2308 deletes section 2 of the original bill directing the Nebraska State Historical Society to enter into a related memorandum of understanding with a charitable organization by December 31, 2022.

The committee voted to adopt AM 2308 on a 6-1-1-0 vote

Voting Aye: Senators Blood, Brewer, Halloran, M. Hansen, Hunt, McCollister

Voting Nay: Senator Lowe

Present Not Voting: Senator Sanders

Absent: None

Tom Brewer, Chairperson