

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB385

Hearing Date: Monday January 30, 2023
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Linehan
One Liner: Adopt the Nebraska Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Albrecht, Briese, Conrad, Linehan, Murman, Sanders, Walz, Wayne
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Lou Ann Linehan
Mike Lucas
Edison McDonald
Colby Coash

Courtney Wittstruck

Luis Sotelo
Jeremy Ekeler
Andy Schmidt

Opponents:

Neutral:

Tim Royers
Ben Welsch

Representing:

Introducer
Westside Community Schools
The Arc of Nebraska
Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB),
Nebraska Council of School Administrators (NCSA),
Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association
(NRCSA)
Central Community College. Mid-Plains Community
College. Northeast Community College, Metropolitan
Community College, Southeast Community College,
Western Nebraska Community College
Doane University
Nebraska Catholic Conference
Nebraska Farm Bureau

Representing:

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Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA)
Self

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 385 would create the Nebraska Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act. The purpose of this bill is to incentivize the recruitment and retention of teachers in Nebraska.

Explanation of amendments:

Amendment 1397 provides a total of three retention grants of two thousand five hundred dollars each instead of four. The amendment also limits high need retention grants of five thousand dollars to teachers who gain a new certification in a high need area and then teach in such area.

Dave Murman, Chairperson