

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB603

Hearing Date: Monday January 30, 2023
Committee On: Education
Introducer: Linehan
One Liner: Change provisions relating to the Alternative Certification for Quality Teachers Act and authorize the Commissioner of Education to issue alternative certificates to teach as prescribed

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Albrecht, Briese, Conrad, Linehan, Murman, Sanders, Wayne
Nay:	1	Senator Walz
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Lou Ann Linehan
Melanie Olmstead
Andy Schmidt
Jeremy Ekeler
Nicole Fox

Representing:

Introducer
American Board
Nebraska Farm Bureau
Nebraska Catholic Conference
Platte Institute

Opponents:

Sara Skretta

Tim Royers
Jim Walter
DeLoris (De) Tonack

Representing:

Nebraska Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
Nebraska State Education Association (NSEA)
Self
Self

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 603 would incentivize the recruitment of public school teachers by allowing alternative means of certification.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 1392

Amendment 1392 would add a prerequisite of one semester of student-teaching prior to receiving a state teaching certificate.

Dave Murman, Chairperson