

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB724**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday March 13, 2023  
**Committee On:** Education  
**Introducer:** Vargas  
**One Liner:** Eliminate certain basic skill and content test requirements for eligibility for teaching certificates

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

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**Vote Results:**

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

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Tony Vargas  
Joy Absalon  
DeLoris Tonack  
Sara Skretta

**Representing:**

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

**Opponents:**

Linda Vermooten  
Francis Kuhlman  
Jeff Stallworth

**Representing:**

Self  
Self  
Self

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 724 would remove basic skill and content knowledge test requirements for teaching certificates.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

Amendment 1235 allows the State Board of Education to test for content knowledge when setting standards for teaching certification.

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Dave Murman, Chairperson