

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB360

Chairperson: Senator Tom Brewer

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: February 10, 2023

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

The purpose of LB 360 is to create the Office of Inspector General of Nebraska Procurement to deter and identify fraud, waste, and abuse in the state's procurement system across all state government agencies.

This is accomplished by:

- (a) Establishing a full-time program of investigation and performance review to provide increased accountability and oversight of state government contracts;
- (b) Assisting in improving the state's procurement management;
- (c) Providing an independent form of inquiry for concerns regarding the actions of vendors and agencies responsible for the selection, execution, and management of state contracts; and
- (d) Providing a process for investigation and review to determine if individual complaints and issues of investigation and inquiry reveal a problem in the state's procurement system, not just individual cases, that necessitates legislative action for improved policies and restructuring of state contracting.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Machaela Cavanaugh