

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2014
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB744

Hearing Date: Friday January 24, 2014
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Avery
One Liner: Establish the Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Avery, Bloomfield, Garrett, Karpisek, Murante, Scheer, Wallman
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Lautenbaugh
Present Not Voting:		

Proponents:

Senator Bill Avery
Jeff Searcy
Roger Ludemann
Allen Beermann
Kathy McKillip
Judi M. gaiashkibos
Nancy Fulton
Larry Ruth

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial Committee
Nebraska 150 Sesquicentennial Committee
Self
Nebraska Tourism Commission
Nebraska Indian Commission
Nebraska State Education Association
Self

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 744 establishes the Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission consisting of 17 members appointed by the Governor. The Commission will develop programs and plans for the observance of the 150th anniversary of Nebraska statehood in 2017. The Commission will terminate on June 30, 2018.

The Commission will include members from all regions of the state, representing all major interests and industries. No more than eight of the members will be affiliated with the same political party.

The Commission will work with various state agencies, including the Department of Education, the Department of Roads, the Nebraska State Historical Society, the Nebraska State Fair Board, the Game and Parks Commission and the Nebraska Tourism Commission to execute commemorative events and implement educational activities.

The Commission may employ personnel, contract for services, and receive and expend gifts and donations to aid in the performance of its duties.

The bill becomes operative on July 1, 2014.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment makes two changes to the bill.

The first change houses the Nebraska Sesquicentennial Commission within the Nebraska State Historical Society for administrative and budgetary purposes only.

Secondly, the amendment empowers the commission to expend any appropriations authorized by the Legislature to carry out the purposes of this act.

Bill Avery, Chairperson