

# **One Hundred Third Legislature - Second Session - 2014**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB935**

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**Chairperson: Senator Bill Avery**

**Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs**

**Date of Hearing: February 13, 2014**

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

LB 935 would recognize the duty of the Legislature to review and approve or disapprove of major relocations of state services. LB 935 would require legislative review of any proposed relocation of a state service or agency from one community to another, costing \$15 Million or more.

Such proposal would be submitted by state agencies to the Legislature's Executive Board via a report of the proposed relocation that contains:

- a. A description of the proposed relocation,
- b. Justification for the proposed relocation,
- c. A review of the long-term costs,
- d. Measurable goals for improving the quality of the service,
- e. An assessment of the feasibility of alternatives within the state agency to moving the service,
- f. Any known or foreseeable legal, environmental, or other issues related to the proposed move,
- g. A description of economic development efforts that will be undertaken to use any facility abandoned by the move or to create new economic activity for the jurisdiction from which the service is proposed to be move.

Long-term costs explained in the report would include:

- a. Direct costs of providing the state service in the proposed location and of moving from the current location,
- b. Indirect costs of providing the state service in the proposed location and of moving from the current location,
- c. Any continuing or transitional costs of providing the state service in the new location and of moving it from the current location,
- d. Additional costs of providing the state service in the new location and moving from the current location,
- e. Capital construction costs.

The report would be assigned by the Executive Board to the standing committee of jurisdiction. That committee would investigate the proposed move and hold at least one public hearing on the proposal. Upon completion of

their investigation and public hearing, the Committee would introduce a resolution to approve, disapprove, or take no position on the proposal. The full Legislature would then debate and vote on the resolution introduced by the Committee. A majority of 25 votes could approve the resolution and the position of the Committee. Less than 25 votes would be taking no action, thereby allowing the proposed move.

The University of Nebraska, the Nebraska state colleges, the courts, the Legislature, or any officer or state agency established by the Constitution of Nebraska (Department of Education and the Public Service Commission along with the Constitutional Officers) would not be subject to this process. This bill would apply to any relocation of a state service proposed on or after January 1, 2013 unless the move was proposed prior to the effective date of this act and all sources of funding for the proposed move have been secured or conditionally approved.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Mike Gloor**