## ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB379

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 24, 2015

Committee On: Education Introducer: Bolz

One Liner: Adopt the Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Program Act

## **Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Sullivan, Pansing Brooks, Morfeld, Kolowski, Groene, Cook,

Baker

Nay: 1 Senator Schnoor

Absent:

**Present Not Voting:** 

**Verbal Testimony:** 

Proponents: Representing:
Senator Kate Bolz Introducer

Tom Casady City of Lincoln
Tess Larson The Sherwood

Tess Larson The Sherwood Foundation

Julie Mason Lincoln Community Learning Center student

Joe Kohout Boys and Girls Clubs Alliance of Nebraska

Brian Halstead Nebraska State Board of Education and the Nebraska

Department of Education

Jennifer Jorgensen Nebraska Association of School Boards

Jeff Cole Beyond School Bells

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

## Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 379 is a bill that would create the Expanded Learning Opportunity (ELO) Grant Program to be administered by the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE). The grants provided under the Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Program are to fund and promote academic achievement programs that are held outside of school hours in high-need school districts. Priorities for grants are to be given to: 1) Continue existing 21st Century Community Learning Centers funded by the federal 21st Century Community Learning Center program and 2) Support new expanded learning opportunity programs in areas of the state with a high percentage of at-risk children who are not receiving a federal 21st Century Community Learning Center program.

Kate Sullivan, Chairperson