

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LR601

Hearing Date: Wednesday April 06, 2016
Committee On: Executive Board
Introducer: Hilkemann
One Liner: Review present facilities and determine the needs and options for developing a regional certified crime laboratory in the Omaha area

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Report to the Legislature for further consideration

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Campbell, Coash, Hadley, Krist, Larson, Murante, Watermeier
Nay:
Absent: 2 Senators Chambers, Hughes
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Robert Hilkemann
Chief Todd Schmaderer
Martin Bilek
Senator Rick Kolowski

Representing:

Introducer
City of Omaha Police
Omaha Mayor
Legislative District 31

Opponents:

Thomas Wheeler

Representing:

Douglas County Sheriff

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LR601 calls for a select committee to be created to explore the opportunity to open an independent, full-service, accredited crime laboratory on the UNMC campus. The study would review present facilities, determine needs and options for developing a regional certified crime laboratory in the Omaha area, and examine the feasibility of the state becoming a partner.

The study would be conducted by a select committee consisting of: (1) The chairperson of the Appropriations Committee or his or her designee and one additional member of such committee, (2) the chairperson of the Judiciary Committee or his or her designee and one additional member of such committee, and (3) three at-large members appointed by the Executive Board.
