

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1160

Hearing Date: Monday February 10, 2020
Committee On: Business and Labor
Introducer: Hansen, M.
One Liner: Adopt the Nebraska Workforce and Education Reporting System Act

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Chambers, Crawford, Halloran, Hansen, B., Hansen, M., Lathrop
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Slama
Present Not Voting:		

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Matt Hansen
Susan Fritz
Greg Adams
Sarah Moylan

Representing:

District 26 Senator
University of Nebraska
Nebraska Community College Association
Greater Omaha Chamber; Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Lincoln Chamber of Commerce; Nebraska Economic Developers Association

Opponents:

Katie Thurber

Representing:

Nebraska Department of Labor

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1160 creates the Nebraska Workforce and Education Reporting System Act. The bill supports development of a data system to track educational and workforce outcomes in Nebraska. It is based on a recommendation of the 2019 Nebraska Economic Development Task Force Report.

Section-by-Section Summary:

Section 1: Names the Nebraska Workforce and Education Reporting System Act.

Section 2: States the legislative intent.

Section 3: Sets goals and parameters for the Nebraska Workforce and Educational Reporting System: to provide workforce outcome data to postsecondary educational institutions; to guide student on what courses to take in order to be successful in specific jobs; to provide comprehensive data reports on students' workforce results; to track workforce outcomes; to track student outcomes in the aggregate by race and ethnicity, gender, and income; and to identify the

long term return on investment from early childhood programs.

Section 4: Provides duties to the Department of Labor and require an annual report.

Section 5: Emergency Clause.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 3084 is a white copy amendment.

Section-by-Section:

Section 1: Names the Act "Nebraska Statewide Workforce and Education Reporting System Act." (NSWERS)

Section 2: Legislative findings of NSWERS based upon the 2019 Nebraska Economic Development Task Force Report.

Section 3: Provides for the data and goals of NSWERS.

Section 4: Requires the Department of Labor to execute a memorandum of understanding with the NSWERS before December 31, 2020 to ensure the exchange of data. Also requires a report by December 1, 2021 on recommendations on the further planning and development.

Matt Hansen, M., Chairperson