

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB436

Hearing Date: Wednesday March 13, 2019
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Hansen, M.
One Liner: Create the Complete Count Commission and provide duties regarding the census

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Blood, Brewer, Hansen, M., Hilgers, Kolowski, La Grone, Lowe, Hunt

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Matt Hansen
Julia Tse
Josie Schafer
Gavin Geis
John Cartier
Hannah Young

Representing:

Introducer
Voices for Children in Nebraska
Self
Common Cause Nebraska
Civic Nebraska
Nonprofit Association of the Midlands

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 436 would establish the Complete Count Commission and set out membership qualifications for seventeen commission members and one ex officio member. The Secretary of State would be the chairperson of the commission.

The stated purpose for the commission would be to "develop, recommend, and assist in the administration of a census outreach strategy to encourage full participation in the 2020 federal decennial census."

This work would culminate in an interim report to be submitted to the Legislature by December 1, 2019 and a final report no later than December 31, 2020.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment, AM 1601, eliminates all original sections. New language would instead grant permissive authority to the Nebraska State Data Center to establish a Complete Count Committee on behalf of the State of Nebraska. The program would be authorized to solicit and spend private funds for committee duties.

The amendment includes the emergency clause, and includes a termination date of January 1, 2021.

Tom Brewer, Chairperson