

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB626

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 27, 2019
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Pansing Brooks
One Liner: Create the position of veterans' workforce development coordinator in the Department of Labor

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Blood, Brewer, Hansen, M., Hilgers, Hunt, Kolowski, La Grone, Lowe
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Patty Pansing Brooks
Ronald Dupell
John Stewart

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Veterans Coalition
Nebraska Veterans Coalition

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill creates a new, full-time position within the Department of Labor (DOL) for a "Veterans' Workforce Development Coordinator". To qualify for the position, a candidate would be required to be a veteran. The new Coordinator would be charged with:

- (1) developing a job-search website for veterans,
- (2) researching best practices in other states,
- (3) interacting with the Commission on Military and Veteran Affairs and serving as an ex officio member, and
- (4) submitting an annual report to the Commission.

DOL would have the responsibility of providing necessary staff support to the Coordinator.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment, AM 768, is a white-copy amendment that eliminates the language creating the new coordinator position and instead directs DOL to "maintain" the position.

AM 768 also shifts primary responsibility for development for a job-search website for veterans from DOL to the Department of Veterans of Affairs. The amendment language still mandates collaboration from DOL in the project.

Tom Brewer, Chairperson