

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB777**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday February 08, 2022  
**Committee On:** Executive Board  
**Introducer:** Brewer  
**One Liner:** Require the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission to develop and maintain a digital archive of Nebraska Legislature video coverage

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

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	6	Senators Geist, Hilgers, Hughes, Lowe, McCollister, Slama
<b>Nay:</b>	1	Senator Lathrop
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	2	Senators Pansing Brooks, Vargas

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Tom Brewer  
Cindy Maxwell-Ostdiek  
Nicole Fox  
Westin Miller  
Jennifer Hicks  
Amber Parker

**Representing:**

Introducer  
self  
Platte Institute  
Civic Nebraska  
self  
self

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

Mark Leonard  
Patrick O'Donnell  
Dick Clark

**Representing:**

Nebraska Public Media  
Clerk of the Nebraska Legislature  
self

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB777 provides for a new duty for the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission. They would be required to develop and maintain a publicly accessible, indexed, digital Internet archive of all Nebraska Legislature video coverage. This would include floor debate and committee hearings, beginning in January 2023. Previous years' video would be added to the digital archive as available.

Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 would be requested for NETC to develop and maintain a digital archive of closed captioned video coverage of the Nebraska Legislature, to the extent such funds are available.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

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AM2131 replaces the original bill. It would require the Executive Board of the Legislative Council, instead of the Nebraska Educational Telecommunications Commission (NETC), to maintain and develop a publicly accessible, digital Internet archive of closed captioned video coverage of the Nebraska Legislature. NETC would be required to first provide the closed captioning for video coverage of legislative floor debate and hearings.

Historical video coverage would be added only for previously captured video that could then be closed captioned.

Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 would be requested for both the Legislative Council and NETC to develop, provide closed captioning, and maintain the digital archive.

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Dan Hughes, Chairperson