

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB908**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday February 16, 2022  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** McDonnell  
**One Liner:** Provide additional requirements for virtual conferencing under the Open Meetings Act

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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 Blood, Brewer, Halloran, Lowe, McCollister, Sanders
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>	2	Senators Hansen, M., Hunt
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Mike McDonnell  
Mary Ann Borgeson  
Candace Berens  
Beth Bazyn Ferrell

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Douglas County Commissioners  
Lancaster County Board of County Commissioners  
Nebraska Association of County Officials

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB 908 would provide expanded authorization for public bodies to hold public meetings by virtual conferencing. This mode of public meeting would be permissible whenever the meeting business will be discussed or acted upon at a subsequent in-person meeting of the body, when the public body takes no action during the virtual meeting, and when existing requirements for public notice and public accommodation are satisfied.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 1950 would clarify that the new authority to use virtual conferencing under LB 908 does not diminish the authority previously granted in statute for public bodies to use virtual conferencing under other circumstances.

The committee voted to adopt AM 1950 on a 6-0-2-0 vote

Voting Aye: Senators Blood, Brewer, Halloran, Lowe, McCollister, Sanders

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Voting Nay: None

Absent: Senators M. Hansen, Hunt

Not Voting: None

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Tom Brewer, Chairperson