

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB250

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 25, 2023
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Brewer
One Liner: Require a command climate survey of the Nebraska Army National Guard

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 8 Senators Aguilar, Brewer, Conrad, Halloran, Hunt, Lowe, Raybould, Sanders
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:
Senator Tom Brewer
Jeff Downey

Representing:
Introducer
Self

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:
Major General Daryl Bohac

Representing:
Nebraska Military Department

* ADA Accomodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

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The first section of this bill includes three legislative findings relating to the state mission of the Nebraska Army National Guard (NE ARNG), the Guard's federal mission, and the necessity of reviewing leadership climate, morale, and combat readiness at each level of command. The second section of the bill would direct the Adjutant General of the NE ARNG to conduct a "top-down command climate survey" to assess the aforementioned factors. National Guard officers and senior non-commissioned officers from another state would carry out the survey activities. The third section of the bill provides that the Adjutant General of the NE ARNG would be required to initiate this process no later than ninety days after the bill's effective date. This process would result in a report to the governor and the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee of the Nebraska Legislature.

Explanation of amendments:

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AM 107 expands the scope of the command climate survey to include not only the Army National Guard but also the Air National Guard. It also provides that these respective branches would conduct the survey on each other, rather than requiring an out-of-state contractor to be selected. Finally, the amendment adds a regular biennial survey requirement in addition to the requirement for a survey within 90 days of a change of command at the Adjutant General level.

Tom Brewer, Chairperson