

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB53**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday February 22, 2023  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** McKinney  
**One Liner:** Create El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, Malcolm X Day and establish a holiday

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	5	Senators Brewer, Conrad, Hunt, Raybould, Sanders
<b>Nay:</b>	2	Senators Halloran, Lowe
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator Aguilar
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Terrell McKinney  
JoAnna LeFlore-Ejike  
Schmeeeka Simpson  
Preston Love  
Gwen Easter  
Mary Mullen  
Kimara Snipes  
T. M. Williams  
  
Y'shall Davis  
Marilyn Hoegemeyer  
Dawaune Lamont Hayes  
Dewayne Mays  
Jaden Perkins

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Malcolm X Memorial Foundation  
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Self  
Commission on African American Affairs  
Self  
The Nebraska Civic Engagement Table  
Omaha National Association for the Advancement of  
Colored People (NAACP)  
Self  
Malcolm X Memorial Foundation  
Self  
Self  
Heartland Workers Center

**Opponents:**

Kathy Wilmot

**Representing:**

Self

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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

Summary:

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This bill would designate May 19th of each year as El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz, Malcolm X Day. It directs the governor to issue an annual proclamation related to the new holiday. The bill would also mandate that the Nebraska Department of Education provide information to "the schools and all people of this state" relating to observance of the holiday.

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Tom Brewer, Chairperson