

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LR1CA**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday February 24, 2023  
**Committee On:** Government, Military and Veterans Affairs  
**Introducer:** Blood  
**One Liner:** Constitutional amendment to require the Legislature to reimburse political subdivisions as prescribed

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

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Aguilar, Brewer, Conrad, Halloran, Hunt, Lowe, Raybould, Sanders

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Carol Blood  
Doug Kagan  
Jon Cannon  
Jim Warren  
Lynn Rex  
Ron Peterson  
Jack Moles  
Allie French  
Sarah Centineo  
  
Darrell Zabrocki  
Joe Hewgley  
Rick Vest  
Al Davis

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Taxpayers for Freedom  
Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO)  
Sarpy County  
League of Nebraska Municipalities  
Hall County Board of Commissioners  
Nebraska Rural Community Schools Association (NRCSA)  
Nebraskans Against Government Overreach  
Nebraska Association of School Boards (NASB) and  
Bellevue Public Schools  
Seward County  
Lincoln County  
Lancaster County Board  
Nebraska Chapter Sierra Club/Independent Cattlemen of  
Nebraska

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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

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This resolution proposes amending the Nebraska Constitution, Article III, section 22, to forbid the Legislature from imposing new program expenses on political subdivisions without full reimbursement by the state for such expenses. Any new mandates from the Legislature would be required to be accompanied by a specific appropriation to the affected political subdivisions.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 591 delays the effective date of this proposed constitutional amendment to January 1, 2025. The amendment also rewords the substance of the bill to reframe it as a conditional requirement on the Legislature rather than as a prohibition on the Legislature with an exception.

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Tom Brewer, Chairperson