

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1162

Hearing Date: Tuesday February 17, 2026
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Ballard
One Liner: Change powers and duties of the Public Service Commission relating to railroad safety

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Moser, Ballard, Brandt, Fredrickson, DeBoer, Guereca
Nay:	1	Senator Bosn
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Storer

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Beau Ballard
Dillon Keiffer-Johnson
Andrew Foust

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Nebraska Public Service Commission
SMART-TD

Opponents:

Jeff Davis

Representing:

BNSF Railway

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB1162 updates the procedures used by the Public Service Commission (commission) when conducting inspections, surveillance and related activities connected with railroad safety. The bill harmonizes Nebraska law with federal law as it existed on January 1, 2026 and allows the commission to report potential safety violations to the Federal Railroad Administration.

Explanation of amendments:

AM1979 clarifies that federal railroad safety standards may be adopted by reference and not directly. It also



clarifies that the commission may report safety violations to the Federal Railroad Administration, not potential violations.

Mike Moser, Chairperson

