

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB499

Hearing Date: Thursday March 06, 2025
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: DeBoer
One Liner: Change membership provisions relating to the Crime Victim's Reparations Committee

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Bosn, DeBoer, Hallstrom, Holdcroft, McKinney, Rountree, Storer, Storm
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Wendy DeBoer
Christon MacTaggart

Ivy Svoboda

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual & Domestic Violence
Nebraska Alliance of Child Advocacy Centers

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB499 amends the Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparations Act. The bill increases the number of public members on the Crime Victims Reparation's Committee from three to five public members and changes the required qualifications of such members. Under existing law, the three public members must include:

- 1 representative of charitable organizations
- 1 representative of businesses
- 1 representative of crime victims (with training and work experience with crime victims and survivors)

LB 499 amends section 81-1802 to require that the five public members be appointed by the Governor within 30 days after the effective date of this act to include:

- 2 representatives of charitable organizations that provide services to crime victims and their dependents and relatives (at least one such member must represent a charitable organization that provides services to victims of sexual assault, human trafficking, or domestic abuse)



- 2 members with training or work experience with crime victims and their dependents and relatives (at least one such member must have training or work experience with victims of sexual assault, human trafficking, or domestic abuse)
- 1 crime victim member

LB 499 amends section 81-1803 to provide that each public member's term starts on October 1 and staggers their terms. The bill also amends section 81-1804 to clean up language dealing with committee vacancies. Essentially, when a vacancy occurs, the appointee shall serve the balance of the term and, when a member's term expires, the member continues to serve until a successor is appointed.

Explanation of amendments:

The Committee Amendment, AM 438, adds that victims of sexual assault of a child under section 28-319.01 are victims of sexual assault for purposes of section 81-1802.

Carolyn Bosn, Chairperson

