ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB69

Hearing Date: Friday March 14, 2025

Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Introducer: Spivey

One Liner: Change meeting requirements and provide duties for the Commission on African American Affairs

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Sanders, Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Hunt,

Lonowski, Wordekemper

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting: 1 Senator McKeon

Testimony:

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Ashlei Spivey Opening Presenter

Simone Smith

Johnny Nesbit

Nebraska Commission on African American Affairs

Nebraska Commission on African American Affairs

Karine Sokpoh Midlands African Chamber Incorporated

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill proposes changes to a section of statute governing the Commission on African American Affairs. It would provide that the meeting location for the commission's quarterly meetings would be "in the city with the largest African American population," and provides a seven-day public notice period with such notice published on the commission's website, social media, and shared with local media outlets. The bill would also require creation of an annual report from the Commission, to be submitted to the Legislature, and sets out the elements of that annual report.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 895 defines qualifications for two commission seats, revises the commission's purposes, and modifies a meeting location requirement. It also provides for the newly proposed annual report from the commission to be submitted to the Legislature and the Governor.

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^{*} ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Rita Sanders, Chairperson

