

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB696

Hearing Date: Thursday March 06, 2025
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Raybould
One Liner: Change, provide, and eliminate provisions of the Professional Landscape Architects Act

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	8	Senators Sanders, Andersen, Cavanaugh, J., Guereca, Hunt, Lonowski, McKeon, Wordekemper
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Jane Raybould
Jennifer Seacrest
Dennis Bryers
Hal Blevins

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Nebraska State Board of Landscape Architects
Self
Self

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill proposes changes to seven sections of statute relating to the occupational regulation of landscape architects.

Section 1 would add a definition of "direct supervision."

Section 2 would allow the State Board of Landscape Architects to charge a fee authorized under the state public records laws for production of its roster of professional landscape architects.

Section 3 would add the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects as a recognized accreditation authority with respect to landscape architecture degree programs. It would eliminate the requirement that applicants for licensure submit a council record from the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Society. It would remove a provision allowing for reciprocal licensure for applicants who have practiced in another jurisdiction for fifteen years or more. It



clarifies the language exempting examination records from disclosure as public records.

Section 4 would grandfather in licenses existing under the Professional Landscape Architects Act as of the effective date of the bill.

Section 5 eliminates obsolete language.

Section 6 makes a harmonizing change to a statutory reference.

Section 7 eliminates a reference to “cancellation” of a certificate of licensure.

Section 8 contains the repealer.

Explanation of amendments:

AM 499 would resolve two ambiguities in sections where multiple boards are being referenced and eliminates changes relating to the discretionary power of the State Board of Landscape Architects to designate successor accreditation authorities in the future.

Rita Sanders, Chairperson

