

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB737

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 18, 2026
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Rountree
One Liner: Require a joint public hearing to evaluate the progress of the Olmstead plan for individuals with disabilities

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Hardin, Ballard, Fredrickson, Meyer, G., Quick, Riepe
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Hansen

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Victor Rountree
Kathy Hoell
Joni Thomas
Beth Libra
Dianne DeLair
Mary Angus*

Representing:

Opening Presenter
self
self
Developmental Disabilities Council
Disability Rights Nebraska
Self

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB737 amends section 81-6,122 to require that, by October 1 of each year, the Health and Human Services Committee and the Urban Affairs Committee shall hold a joint public hearing to review the state's progress in implementing its Olmstead plan, which refers to the comprehensive strategic plan for providing services to qualified persons with disabilities in the most integrated community settings. The review must address key areas including housing, employment, education, community-based supports, and transportation, and may include consideration of potential legislative solutions. The committees are required to submit a report of their findings to the Clerk of the Legislature no later than December 31 of each year.



Brian Hardin, Chairperson

