

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB986

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 04, 2026
Committee On: Executive Board
Introducer: Bostar
One Liner: Allow expenditure of campaign funds for security services and systems under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 9 Senators Hansen, Arch, Ballard, Bostar, Dorn, Fredrickson, Ibach, Jacobson, McKinney
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:
Senator Eliot Bostar
Bryan Waugh
Todd Wiltgen

Representing:
Opening Presenter
Nebraska State Patrol
Lancaster County Election Commission

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:
Scott Danigole

Representing:
Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure Commission

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 986 allows candidates and elected officials to expend campaign funds for security services and systems under the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act. Specifically, the bill would amend campaign finance law to permit the use of campaign contributions for protective security measures — including professional security services, electronic security systems, and other reasonable safety-related expenditures — provided these relate directly to bona fide threats or safety needs arising from the individual’s status as a candidate or officeholder.

The bill also requires appropriate reporting of such expenditures to ensure transparency under existing campaign finance disclosure requirements.

Section by Section Summary

Sec. 1: Amends the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act to allow candidates and elected officials to



expend campaign funds for qualified security services and systems, including costs of protective personnel, electronic security systems, and other reasonable safety measures related to threats arising from campaign or officeholder status.

Sec. 2: Defines terms relevant to security expenditures — e.g., “security services,” “security systems,” and “qualified threats” — ensuring clarity for compliance and reporting.

Sec. 3: Requires disclosure of security-related campaign expenditures in campaign finance reports, maintaining transparency consistent with other permissible campaign fund uses.

Sec. 4: Repeals the original sections.

Explanation of amendments:

AM2352 inserts the word "reasonable" on Page 3 line 21. This creates a reasonableness standard for types of security expenses that would be allowed under LB 986

Ben Hansen, Chairperson

