

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB904

Chairperson: Senator Rita Sanders

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

The 2025 Legislature enacted Legislative Bill 644, the Foreign Adversary and Terrorist Agent Registration Act, which in part established reporting requirements for individuals who are registered to lobby on behalf of a Chinese military company and for individuals who are retained to consult for a Chinese military company outside of lobbying the Legislature. Individuals lobbying on behalf of a Chinese military company are required to disclose the relationship on the lobby registration form filed with the Clerk of the Legislature. Individuals who are retained to consult for a Chinese military company are required to file a disclosure form with the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Commission which details the nature of the activity, the Chinese military company represented, the matters the consultant intends to be conducting influencing activity, an acknowledgement the consultant is acting on behalf of, and thereby an agent acting as an agent of a foreign adversary of the United States, and disclose that such Chinese military company is a foreign adversary of the United States before commencing any influencing activity in Nebraska for a foreign adversary.

LB 644 as enacted placed both of these disclosure requirements in section 49-1480, which is the provision of law that prescribes the lobby registration requirements that are administered by the Clerk of the Legislature. Section 49-1480 governs the requirements that must be complied with prior to any person beginning any lobbying activity before the Legislature.

In order to provide clarity as to the requirements administered by the Clerk's Office in the registration of lobbyists and the registration requirements created by LB 644 for consultants of a Chinese military company that are administered by the Accountability and Disclosure Act, LB 904 transfers the reporting requirements administered by the Accountability and Disclosure Commission to a new section 4 and will provide that the responsibilities of the Clerk of the Legislature and the Accountability and Disclosure Commission regarding the registration of persons engaged in influencing activity on behalf of a foreign adversary are clearly delineated .

LB 904 creates no new obligations or requirements for such persons.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator John Arch