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Housing Accessibility Bill LB839 Does Not Advance Following Veto

The Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NCDHH) acknowledges that Legislative Bill 839 (LB839) will not advance following the Governor's veto and the Legislature's decision not to override.

LB839 proposed accessibility requirements for certain state-funded multifamily housing projects in Nebraska. The bill included provisions requiring a percentage of units to support access for people with mobility disabilities and for those who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, or blind/low vision.

While the bill will not move forward, it reflects an ongoing conversation about housing access and the need for thoughtful, equitable planning across Nebraska. In his veto letter, the Governor emphasized the importance of working with disability rights advocates and housing partners to shape future approaches to accessibility. NCDHH stands ready to serve as a resource in those efforts, helping ensure that the perspectives of Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing Nebraskans are meaningfully included in future policy discussions.

"Accessible housing is foundational to whether someone can live safely and independently," said Kim Davis, Interim Executive Director of the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. "For Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing Nebraskans, access within the home directly impacts quality of life. As conversations around housing policy continue, it is essential that accessibility is understood not as an optional consideration, but as a necessary part of building communities that work for everyone."

Access to housing that supports communication, safety, and independence remains a key consideration for Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing Nebraskans. NCDHH will continue to engage in conversations around housing access and support efforts that promote equitable and accessible housing opportunities across the state.