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**BILL FILED TO CHANGE OFFENSIVE HEARING-IMPAIRED LANGUAGE**

Legislative Bill 248 was filed today under Sen. Sara Howard, for an act to change terminology ‘hearing-impaired’ persons to ‘deaf and hard of hearing’ in Revised Statutes of Nebraska. This piece of legislature has been led by the Nebraska Association of the Deaf (NeAD) and is fully supported by the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NCDHH) Full Board.

Initiated by the National Association of the Deaf, this bill follows other states who have passed similar laws, with the view maintaining the term ‘hearing-impaired’ has a negative connotation that focuses on what people can’t do. Individuals who are deaf or hard or hearing find the labeling of ‘hearing-impaired’ to be offensive.

“We applaud the work of Senator Howard and the Nebraska Association of the Deaf in their work with this bill,” NCDHH Executive Director John Wyvill said. “This is an important step in establishing equality for all Nebraskans who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.”

The status of this bill can be found at the Nebraska Legislature website at:

[https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view\\_bill.php?DocumentID=36991](https://nebraskalegislature.gov/bills/view_bill.php?DocumentID=36991)

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