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(Neb.)-Chambers: Law Not Needed For Neb. Tax Study



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LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Sen. Ernie Chambers has argued for months that lawmakers don't need a law to study Nebraska's tax climate, and he's presenting an alternative.

The Legislature's Executive Board advanced a resolution Wednesday that Chambers has introduced. The longtime state senator says his measure would accomplish the same goal as a tax-study bill now pending in the Legislature, while allowing more flexibility.

Lawmakers have given first-round approval to the bill, which would create a Tax Modernization Commission. The idea gained some prominence after an earlier plan to eliminate or reduce Nebraska's income tax was scrapped.

Chambers says lawmakers have created special committees in the past without passing laws. He says resolutions are easier to change and extend than bills. The committee would be comprised of lawmakers.