



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Revised Committee Statement
LB 245

Hearing Date: January 24, 2007
Committee On: Health and Human Services

Introducer(s): (Johnson)
Title: Change provisions relating to fluoridation of drinking water

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

5	Yes	Senator(s): Johnson, Erdman, Howard, Gay, Pankonin
1	No	Senator Hansen
1	Present, not voting	Senator Stuthman
	Absent	

Proponents:

Senator Johnson
Terry Krohn
Roger Meyer M.D.
Jessica Meeske

Representing:

Introducer
Two Rivers Public Health Department
Nebraska Medical Association
Nebraska Dental Association

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Gary Krumland

Representing:

League of Nebraska Municipalities

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 245 is a reintroduction of LB 158 (2005) and LB 473 (2003). The bill requires fluoridation of the human drinking water supply of any city and village with a population of one thousand or more persons. The bill permits cities that do not currently fluoridate their water to prohibit such fluoridation by means of an initiative ordinance adopted by voters after the effective date of the bill and before January 1, 2009.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

The committee amendment (AM 542) clarifies that fluoridation is not required if a city or village has sufficient amounts of naturally occurring fluoride in its water supply. The amendment provides, in addition to a public initiative, that the governing body of a city or village subject to the fluoridation requirement may also place an ordinance prohibiting fluoridation on the ballot for a public vote. The amendment also adds the emergency clause to the bill.

Senator Joel Johnson, Chairperson