



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 52

Hearing Date: January 17, 2007
Committee On: Health and Human Services

Introducer(s): (Howard)

Title: Create a task force to examine the prescription and administration of certain drugs to children who are wards of the state

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

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

5	Yes	Senators Johnson, Erdman, Gay, Pankonin, Stuthman
2	No	Senators Hansen, Howard
	Present, not voting	
	Absent	

Proponents:

Senator Howard
Gregg Wright
Cynthia Ellis
Justin Brady
Sarah Ann Lewis
Carly Runestad
Sarah Helvey

Representing:

Introducer
Self
Self
Girls and Boys Town
Voices for Children
Nebraska Hospital Association
Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public
Interest

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Mary Steiner

Representing:

Health and Human Services System

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 52 is a reintroduction of LB 766 (2006). The bill requires the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature to create a task force to “examine state policy regarding the prescription of psychotropic drugs for children who are wards of the state and the administration of such drugs to such children.”

The task force is required to review the procedures for prescribing and administering such drugs and recommend changes in state policy. The task force is required to present a report to the Legislature no later than January 1, 2008, and the task force terminates on that date.

The task force includes no more than twelve persons, and “may include lay, professional, organizational, and governmental representatives in analyzing and developing a report summarizing such recommendations.” Committee staff would serve as staff to the task force.

The bill has an emergency clause.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Joel Johnson, Chairperson