**Hearing Date:** February 14, 2007
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services

**Introducer(s):** (Ashford)
**Title:** Change provisions relating to home- and community-based services

## Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

    Advanced to General File

    Advanced to General File with Amendments

X    Indefinitely Postponed

## Vote Results:

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

| **Proponents:** | **Representing:** |
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| Senator Ashford | Introducer |
| Joe Kohout | Eastern Nebraska Human Services Agency |
| June Pederson | Lincoln Area Agency on Aging |

| **Opponents:** | **Representing:** |
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| Mary Steiner | Health and Human Services System |
| Brendon Polt | Nebraska Health Care Association |

| **Neutral:** | **Representing:** |
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## Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 555 adds provisions to the Medical Assistance Act (Medicaid) relating to home and community-based services for the elderly. The bill provides legislative intent for a Medicaid waiver and pilot program for "caregivers providing home and community-based services for persons sixty-five years of age or older with respect to whom there has been a determination that, but for the provision of such services, such persons would be likely to require the level of care provided in a skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility the cost of which would be paid for under the Medical Assistance Program."

The Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support (department) is required to establish a pilot program beginning September 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008, in

one urban county and one rural county. The Director of Finance and Support is required to report to the Legislature on the outcome of the pilot program no later than thirty days after its conclusion. The department is required to adopt and promulgate necessary rules and regulations.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

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**Senator Joel Johnson, Chairperson**