

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB726

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 20, 2010
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Karpisek
One Liner: Provide requirements for staff training under the Alzheimer's Special Care Disclosure Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Campbell, Gay, Gloor, Howard, Pankonin, Stuthman, Wallman
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Karpisek
Teresa Fritz
Jane Prochaska
Mark Intermill
Don Davis

Representing:

Introducer
Alzheimer's Association
Alzheimer's Association
AARP
Self, Alzheimer's Association of the Great Plains

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Brendon Polt

Helen Crunk

Representing:

Nebraska Health Care Association, Nebraska Assisted
Living Association
Victoria Gardens

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 726 requires staff training and continuing education for facilities offering care in an Alzheimer's special care unit under 71-516.04. The bill requires the education to include, but not be limited to, not less than four hours annually of dementia-specific training according to a prescribed curriculum approved by the department.

Explanation of amendments:

The amendment strikes the bill's original language. Amendment 1763 requires four hours of annual education and training for direct care staff pertaining to the care or treatment outlined in the disclosure under the Alzheimer's Special Care Disclosure Act. The amendment removes the bill's requirement that the department prescribe and approve the curriculum. It also clarifies the four hours specified shall not be construed to increase the aggregate hourly training requirements of the Alzheimer's special care unit.
