

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB987

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 03, 2010
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Krist
One Liner: Require the Department of Veterans' Affairs to contract for a study of lung cancer in veterans

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Avery, Giese, Janssen, Karpisek, Krist, Price, Sullivan
Nay:
Absent: 1 Senator Pahls
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:	Representing:
Senator Bob Krist	Introducer
Dr. Rudy Lackner	Eppley Cancer Center - University of Nebraska
John Hilgert	Department of Veterans' Affairs
James Cavanaugh	Creighton University
David Holmquist	American Cancer Society
Burdette Burkhart	Nebraska Veterans Council
John Cousins	BIOMODA, Inc.

Opponents: **Representing:**

Neutral: **Representing:**

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 987 requires the Department of Veterans' Affairs to contract with the University of Nebraska Medical Center Eppley Institute for Research in Cancer and Allied Diseases for a study validating diagnostic technology for early detection of lung cancer using an inexpensive, noninvasive test.

The department will ensure the institute conducts a longitudinal study of up to 500 veterans living in Nebraska. The department will administer the study in coordination with the institute and will report the results to the Legislature not later than July 1, 2011.

Six hundred fifty thousand dollars will be transferred from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund to the Department of Veterans' Affairs to contract for this study.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment provides that the Eppley Institute for Research in Cancer and Allied Diseases may, in consultation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, include any postsecondary institution in Nebraska which has a college of medicine in the conduct of the study.

Bill Avery, Chairperson