

Chairperson:	Tim Gay
Committee:	Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing:	January 20, 2010

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 766 removes a sunset date for the Center for Nursing Act, thus allowing the Center for Nursing to continue as it currently does within the Board of Nursing. Since the sunset date is 2010, the bill declares an emergency.

The Center for Nursing develops and provides recruitment and retention efforts to address the nursing shortage in Nebraska. In addition, they gather and analyze nursing workforce data. They are funded through the Board of Nursing within the Division of Public Health with a percentage not greater than 15 percent of biennial revenues collected from nursing licensure fees. LB 766 does not change the purpose or goals of the Board nor does it change the structure of the Board.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Mike Gloor