## ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB795

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 15, 2012

Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

**Introducer:** Avery

One Liner: Change provisions relating to applying for membership in veterans homes

## **Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Advanced to General File

**Vote Results:** 

Aye: 8 Senators Avery, Janssen, Karpisek, Pahls, Price, Seiler, Sullivan,

Wallman

Nay:

Absent:

**Present Not Voting:** 

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Bill Avery Introducer

Greg Holloway Disabled American Veterans

Eric Williams VFW

Jeffrey Baker Nebraska Association of Professional Veterans

Advocates

Opponents: Representing:

Neutral: Representing:

## Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 795 allows a recognized veterans organization or a Nebraska veterans' home to receive an application for membership in a Nebraska veterans home, including coordinating the financial and medical information, and if necessary, providing an opinion on the applications validity. The organization or veterans' home will then forward the application to the Veterans' Home Board. Currently, only county veteran service officers are allowed to perform this function.

A recognized veterans organization is defined as: the American Legion, the American Ex-Prisoners of War, the Disabled American Veterans, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the Vietnam Veterans of America and any other veterans organization recognized by the Director of Veterans' Affairs.

Bill Avery, Chairperson