

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB343

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 20, 2013
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Coash
One Liner: Change terminology related to mental retardation

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Campbell, Cook, Crawford, Gloor, Howard, Krist, Watermeier
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:
Senator Colby Coash
Haley Waggoner

Jodi Fenner
Brad Meurrens
Lynn Redding
Sherri Shaffer
Marla Fischer-Lempke

Representing:
District #27
Youth Leadership Council / NE Planning Council on
Developmental Disabilities
DHHS Division of Developmental Disabilities
Disability Rights Nebraska
Self
Self
The Arc of Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 343 amends the portions of Nebraska Revised Statute sections so that the statute does not use the term "mental retardation" but rather a person with an "intellectual disability."

Explanation of amendments:

The Committee Amendment provides additional sections from the Nebraska Revised Statute to change from "mental retardation" to the preferred term for the identified persons with the specified disability as persons with "an intellectual disability."

Additionally, the Committee Amendment adds an e-clause to make the policy regarding the change in the use of the language immediate.

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson