

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB516**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday March 11, 2015  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Bolz  
**One Liner:** Create the Brain Injury Council and the Brain Injury Trust Fund and provide powers and duties

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

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 6 Senators Baker, Campbell, Crawford, Fox, Howard, Kolterman  
**Nay:** 1 Senator Riepe  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Kate Bolz  
Lori Terryberry-Sphor  
Lily Sughroue  
Robert Lankford  
Gina Simanek  
Dale Johanns  
Peggy Reisher

**Representing:**

District 29  
Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital  
Self  
Self  
Brain Injury Association of Nebraska  
Nebraska Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Brain Injury Association of Nebraska

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB516 creates the Brain Injury Trust Fund and Brain Injury Council to provide financial oversight to the Department of Health and Human Services in managing the trust fund. The trust fund may be spent on services for Nebraskans with brain injuries, the brain injury registry, promoting public awareness of brain injury and prevention, support groups, and the Brain Injury Council.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM1770 changes the membership of the Council, making the Public Health director a non voting, ex officio member, decreasing the number of public members with a brain injury or their family member from seven to six, requiring one member of the public to be a veteran or family member of a veteran. Adds the Governor to the list of recipients of the report. Updates 2015 to 2016. Changes "resource facilitator" to "resource facilitation". Adds follow up contact and information on brain injury to the list of items to receive funding. Strikes funding for support groups. Adds an anti-lapse provision to the fund created.

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Kathy Campbell, Chairperson