

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB547

Hearing Date: Thursday February 26, 2015
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Campbell
One Liner: Change provisions of the Quality Child Care Act

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

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

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Kathy Campbell
Jen Goettemoeller
Suzanne Schneider

Melody Hobson
Amy Bornemeier
Wendy Keele
Mark Zimmerer

Sarah Ann Kotchean

Representing:

District 25
First Five Nebraska
Nebraska Child Care Directors Association;
Westminster Preschool
Nebraska Department of Education
Sixpence
Self
Nebraska Early Childhood Business Roundtable;
Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce
Holland Children's Movement

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Aubrey Mancuso
Rosie Zweiback

Representing:

Voices for Children in Nebraska
Sixpence Evaluation

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB547 was introduced to provide funding guidelines to grants created in LB489, for partnerships between child care centers and public schools, based on changes to federal grants.

Section-by-section description:

Section (1): Amends 43-2621 of the Quality Child Care Act, relating to the child care development block grant funding; sets out funding schedule according to the federal program reauthorization amounts.

Section (2): Repealer

Explanation of amendments:

AM 785 to LB547 allocates the required 3% of Child Care and Development Block Grant to the Early Childhood

Education Endowment (known as Sixpence) and the remaining required percentages to the Step Up to Quality Program.

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson