

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB708

Hearing Date: Thursday January 28, 2016
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Bolz
One Liner: Provide for a memory care endorsement under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act

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

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

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Kate Bolz
Julie Kaminski
Mark Intermill
Clayton Freeman
Christopher Kelly
Lois Jordan

Representing:

District 29
Leading Age Nebraska
AARP
Alzheimers Association - Nebraska
UNO Dept. of Gerontology
Midwest Geriatrics and House of Hope Alzheimers Care

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB708 creates a memory care endorsement for licensed health care facilities. Requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to adopt rules and regulations to define qualifications for a memory care endorsement, such as staffing, staff training, memory care programming, cultural competencies, facility and security requirements. Requires the Department to award a memory care endorsement to a facility or service who apply, meet the qualifications, and pay a fee. Requires DHHS to examine the rates paid for care for persons with cognitive impairment or dementia and to recommend a higher or supplemental rate for memory care facilities.

Explanation of amendments:

AM1845 narrows the facilities eligible for the memory care endorsement to assisted-living facilities to reduce the fiscal impact.

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson