

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB786

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 20, 2016
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Larson
One Liner: Change requirements for completion of death certificates and cremation permits

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Baker, Campbell, Crawford, Fox, Howard, Kolterman, Riepe
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:
Tyson Larson
Jonathan Lee
William Lauber

Representing:
District 40
Aspen Cremation Service
NE Funeral Directors Association

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Amends 71-605, of the Vital Statistics Act, to remove the option for physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners to sign death certificates by hand and requires an electronic signature only. The same change is made for county attorneys who are required to sign the death certificate for deaths where one of the above-mentioned medical professions was not in attendance. Requires the cremation permit to be signed electronically by the county attorney.

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson