

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB849

Hearing Date: Friday January 22, 2016
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Crawford
One Liner: Adopt the Assisting Caregiver Transitions 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:
Sue Crawford
Mark Intermill
Susan Campbell
James Summerfelt

Representing:
District 45
AARP
Self
VNA

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:
Jeanne McClure

Representing:
CHI Health

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Creates the Assisting Caregiver Transitions Act requiring hospitals to allow patients to designate a caregiver, to consult with the patient and caregiver on the discharge plan and aftercare instructions for the patient, and to document the instructions in the patient's medical record. The Act does not create a private right of action or create additional liability for a hospital, nor does it affect licensure of the facility, or reimbursement, or interfere with a valid health care power of attorney. Allows the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt rules and regulations.

Explanation of amendments:

AM1878 to LB849 makes timelines more flexible, removes the requirement to notify upon nonemergency transfer, includes the patient's legal guardian for minors, removes requirement for hospital to maintain consent records, clarifies language, removes requirements for hospital to provide contact information, community resources and long-term services and supports to carry out the discharge plan.

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson