

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB895

Hearing Date: Thursday February 04, 2016
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Coash
One Liner: Require a report regarding the Beatrice State Developmental Center and the Bridges program

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

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

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:
Senator Colby Coash
Michael Chittenden
Dave Merrill

Representing:
District 27
The Arc of Nebraska
Region V Services; NE Association of Service Providers

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:
Courtney Miller

Representing:
Nebraska DHHS

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB895 requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to engage in strategic planning for the future of service at the Beatrice State Developmental Center (BSDC) and the Bridges Program in Hastings. Requires DHHS to prepare an assessment of the long-term viability of the two facilities. Requires DHHS to analyze Nebraska's compliance with the Supreme Court decision in *Olmstead v. L.C.*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999). Requires DHHS to prepare a report on the plan.

Amends the Developmental Disabilities Services Act.

Explanation of amendments:

AM2159 extends the reporting date from November 15, 2016 to June 1, 2017 as requested by DHHS in order to eliminate the fiscal impact.

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson