

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB939

Hearing Date: Friday February 19, 2016
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Mello
One Liner: Adopt the Nebraska Early Childhood Advantage Act

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 5 Senators Baker, Campbell, Crawford, Howard, Kolterman
Nay: 2 Senators Fox, Riepe
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:
Senator Heath Mello
Sarah Ann Kotchian
Kris Stapp
Shannon Ferguson

Representing:
District 5
Holland Children's Movement
Visiting Nurses Association
Self

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB939 directs a state agency to administer home-visiting programs that will provide parenting education, coaching, and services coordination. The proposal puts the Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council in an advisory capacity over the administration of the programs and requires data collection, outcomes measurement, process improvement, and annual reporting on the program.

Allows allocation of up to 5% of the program's annual budget to cover administrative costs for submitting the annual report beginning December 1, 2018. Requires the report to include achieved outcomes, cost per family served, number of families served, demographics, number and type of programs the agency funded, and recommendations for improvements.

Explanation of amendments:

AM2221 adds a new section to amend 71-7611, of the Nebraska Health Care Funding Act, to allow money from the Health Care Cash Fund to be used for purposes of this Act. Specifies the home visiting program is run by the Department of Health and Human Services. Includes prekindergarten programs and learning community programs run by the schools. Removes "private entities" from the list of collaborative partners. Changes a date to align with the fiscal year.

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson