ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB952

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 24, 2016 **Committee On:** Health and Human Services

Introducer: Watermeier

One Liner: Require availability of emergency medical services and change membership of the Board of

Emergency Medical Services

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Baker, Crawford, Campbell, Fox, Howard, Kolterman, Riepe

Nay: Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Dan Watermeier District 1

Michael Dwyer NE State Volunteer Firefighters Assn

Bruce Beins NE EMS Association (NEMSA); Republican City

Rescue

Dave Huey

NE Emergency Medical Services Assn
Rhonda L Meyer

NSVEA; Blair Volunteer Rescue

Andy Hale NE Hospital Association

Rod Renkin Geneva Rescue

Jerry Stilmock NE State Volunteer Firefighters Assn; NE Fire Chiefs

Assn

Grant Anderson Self

Opponents: Representing:

Larry Dix NE Association of County Officials (NACO)

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB952 requires the county board to ensure the availability of emergency medical services. Allows the county board to establish, contract for, or coordinate with rural or suburban fire protection districts, hospital authority, city, village, or private entity to provides the services within the county.

Changes the membership of the Board of Emergency Medical Services by increasing the number of volunteer EMS providers on the board from one to three representatives.

Explanation of amendments:

AM2358 removes section 1, requiring the county to provide emergency medical services. Section 2, changing the membership of the Board of Emergency Medical Services, remains.

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson