

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LR413**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday February 08, 2016  
**Committee On:** Executive Board  
**Introducer:** Watermeier  
**One Liner:** Create the Task Force on Behavioral and Mental Health

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Report to the Legislature for further consideration

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 9 Senators Campbell, Chambers, Coash, Hadley, Hughes, Krist, Larson, Murante, Watermeier

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Dan Watermeier  
Senator Kate Bolz  
Beth Baxter

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Self  
NE Association of Regional Administrators

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LR413 creates the Task Force on Behavioral and Mental Health. The task force comes about as a result of a Legislative Performance Audit report that found there needs to be additional study of ways to reduce behavioral and mental health care service gaps.

The task force would consist of seven members, including the chairperson of the Health & Human Services Committee or his or her designee, the chairperson of the Judiciary Committee or his or her designee, the chairperson of the Appropriations Committee or his or her designee, and four additional members of the legislature to be appointed by the Executive Board.

The resolution outlines several specific issues the task force would study and a report would be issued to the Legislature by December 1, 2016.

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