

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1124

Hearing Date: Thursday February 13, 2020
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Howard
One Liner: Adopt the Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Arch, Cavanaugh, Hansen, B., Howard, Murman, Walz,
Williams
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Sara Howard
Joshua Shasserre
Lynn Rex

Representing:

Introducer
Attorney General's Office
League of Nebraska Municipalities

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Elaine Menzel

Representing:

Nebraska Association of County Officials

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1124 creates the Opioid Prevention and Treatment Act to provide for the use of dedicated revenue for opioid-disorder-related treatment and prevention.

The Nebraska Opioid Recovery Fund is created for any settlement funds received from the Department of Justice pursuant to the Consumer Protection Act or the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act related to the advertising of opioids. (Sec. 6, p. 3, lines 14-29.)

The funds appropriated to the Nebraska Opioid Recovery Fund shall not create ongoing entitlements or an obligation on the State of Nebraska. The funds must be appropriated or distributed in accordance with the terms of any verdict, judgment, compromise, or settlement in any case brought by the Attorney General pursuant to the Consumer Protection Act or the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act. (Sec. 4, p. 2, line 31 and p. 3, lines 1-7.)

LB 1124 also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to report annually to the Legislature, the Governor, and the Attorney General regarding how the funds appropriated from the Opioid Recovery Fund have been used and the outcomes from that use. (Sec. 5, p. 3, lines 8-13.)

Sara Howard, Chairperson