

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB559

Hearing Date: Wednesday March 13, 2019
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Arch
One Liner: Change provisions relating to the State Anatomical Board

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Arch, Cavanaugh, Hansen, B., Howard, Murman, Williams
Nay:		
Absent:	1	Senator Walz
Present Not Voting:		

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator John Arch
Carol Lomneth

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Anatomical Board

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 559 amends provisions of law related to the State Anatomical Board to incorporate provisions of the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act.

Section 1 of LB 559 changes the authorizing section of law for the use of dead human bodies from Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-1002 to Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-4834 which is part of the Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act. (Page 2, line 10.) Section 71-4834 details who may receive an anatomical gift under a variety of circumstances. The State Anatomical Board is named as an approved recipient for an anatomical gift. (Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-4834(a)(1).)

Section 2 of LB 559 amends section 71-1003 to strike the requirement that the State Anatomical Board must hold any dead human bodies it receives for 30 days from the date of delivery during which time the body may be claimed. (Page 3, lines 3-5.)

Section 6 of LB 559 repeals several sections of law:

- Section 71-1002 which requires public entities to immediately notify the Anatomical Board of any dead human bodies that have not been claimed within the timeframe and requirements laid out in that section;

- Section 71-1005 which authorizes the State Anatomical Board and its members to examine a dead body to be provided to the Board as necessary and to certify the cause of death;

- Section 71-1006 which creates criminal penalties for persons with possession of a dead human body required to be provided to the State Anatomical Board and who fails to notify the State Anatomical Board, refuses to deliver the body, or mutilates the body in such a way as to make it not valuable for anatomical purposes.

LB 559 also makes minor language changes to Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-1001, 71-1003, 71-1004, and 71-1007. (Sec. 1, page 2, lines 3, 12, 13 ,15-16, 17, 20; Sec. 2, page 3, lines 9, 10, 12, 15, 17; sec. 3, page 3, lines 24-26; sec. 4, page 4, lines 1 and 3.)

Sara Howard, Chairperson