

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB59**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday March 06, 2019  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Cavanaugh  
**One Liner:** Change investigation and reporting provisions under the Children's Residential Facilities and Placing Licensure Act

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

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 7 Senators Arch, Cavanaugh, Hansen, B., Howard, Murman, Walz, Williams

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Machaela Cavanaugh  
Julie Rogers

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Office of Inspector General of Child Welfare

**Opponents:**

Darrell Klein

**Representing:**

Nebraska Dept. of Health and Human Services

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB 59 amends the Children's Residential Facilities and Placing Licensure Act, specifically the section that creates a procedure for submitting a complaint to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and requesting an investigation regarding any alleged violations of the Act. (Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-1936.)

LB 59 inserts language to include complaints of child abuse or neglect within the purview of complaints to be reviewed by DHHS. (Page 2, lines 7-8.)

It also inserts a requirement that DHHS must determine whether an investigation should be done within five days of receiving a complaint. (Page 2, lines 8-9.)

Finally, LB 59 requires that if an investigation is conducted, an investigation report shall be issued within 30 days after the determination was made to conduct the investigation. (Page 2, lines 29-31.)

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 622 changes the timelines for investigation and reporting under LB 59. AM 622 requires an investigation report to

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be issued 60 days after the determination is made to conduct the investigation (rather than 30 days), except that the report be filed within 90 days if an interim report is filed within 60 days.

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Sara Howard, Chairperson