



Ninety-Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2002
Committee Statement
LB 896

Hearing Date: January 31, 2002
Committee On: Health and Human Services

Introducer(s): (Byars, Cunningham, Erdman, Jensen, Price, Suttle)
Title: Change respite care licensing and funding provisions

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- X Advanced to General File
 - Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

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| 5 | Yes | Senator Jensen, Byars, Price, Cunningham and Erdman |
| | No | |
| | Present, not voting | |
| 2 | Absent | Senator Suttle and Maxwell |
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Proponents:

Senator Dennis Byars
 Dave Merrill
 Jeff Golden
 Frank Velinsky
 Judy Halstead
 Jane Elliott

Representing:

Introducer
 Southeast Service Area Membership
 Children and Family Coalition of Nebraska
 Self
 Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department
 Nebraska Health Care Association

Opponents:

Dick Nelson

Representing:

Department of Health and Humans Services
 Regulation and Licensure

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes: The bill removes references to respite care services from the Health Care Facility Licensure Act. The definition of respite care service is removed from the definition of “health care services” in section 71-415. The requirement, beginning January 1, 2001, that respite care services be licensed is stricken from section 71-432.

Section 71-7611.04 of the Nebraska Health Care Funding Act is amended to require that funding appropriated from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund for FY 2001-02 and FY 2002-03 for the development of new respite programs also be used for the implementation of such programs.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Jim Jensen, Chairperson