

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2024**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB942**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday February 13, 2024  
**Committee On:** Appropriations  
**Introducer:** Dorn  
**One Liner:** State intent regarding appropriations for medicaid nursing facility rates

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

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 9 Senators Armendariz, Clements, Dorn, Dover, Erdman, Lippincott, McDonnell, Vargas, Wishart

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Myron Dorn  
Vincent "Josephine" Litwinowicz  
Mark Sroczyński  
Kierstin Reed  
Jalene Carpenter

Jay Colburn

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
Higher Power Church  
Emerald Health Management  
Leading Age Nebraska  
Nebraska Health Care Association, Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
York General Health Care Services, Nebraska Health Care Association

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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

LB 942 states intent to appropriate general funds and federal funds to the Department of Health and Human Services, Agency No. 25, Medical Assistance Program, Program 348, for a 5% increase in nursing facility rates. The bill also includes intent for the Department of Health and Human Services to file reports with the Legislature.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 2895 strikes the original provisions of the bill and in its place implements an increase to the quality assurance assessment. The quality assurance assessment is imposed on licensed nursing facilities including skilled nursing facilities based on total resident days, including bed-hold days, less Medicare days. The assessment is administered

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on a quarterly basis and the payments back to the nursing facilities are issued through enhancements to the daily Medicaid resident rate. The amendment modifies Neb. Rev. Stat. § 68-1917 by increasing the assessment from \$3.50 for each resident day to \$9.00 for each resident day. This will result in additional drawdown of federal dollars, which will further enhance the nursing facility Medicaid rates.

On March 13, 2024, The Appropriations Committee held a public hearing on AM 2895.

Motion to amend LB 942 with AM 2895

Vote Results: 9-0-0-0

Voting Aye: Senator Clements, Senator Wishart, Senator Armendariz, Senator Dorn, Senator Dover, Senator Erdman, Senator Lippincott, Senator McDonnell, Senator Vargas.

Voting Nay: None

Present Not Voting: None

Testimony:

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Myron Dorn    Opening Presenter

Jalene Carpenter

John Meals        Department of Health and Human Services

Andy Hale.        Nebraska Hospital Association

Opponents: None

Neutral: None

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Robert Clements, Chairperson

