



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 670

Hearing Date: February 22, 2007
Committee On: Health and Human Services

Introducer(s): (Hudkins)
Title: Create the Council on the Management and Treatment of Sex Offenders

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

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

5	Yes	Senators Johnson, Erdman, Gay, Pankonin, Stuthman
2	No	Senators Hansen, Howard
	Present, not voting	
	Absent	

Proponents:

Senator Hudkins
Roxanne Koenig
Dean Settle

Representing:

Introducer
Lutheran Family Services
Community Mental Health Center of Lancaster
County

Opponents:

Lee Tyson

Representing:

Health and Human Services System

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 670 creates the Council on the Management and Treatment of Sex Offenders. The Governor is required to appoint members of the council. The council must include at least one representative from each of the following: (1) The court system; (2) the Department of Health and Human Services; (3) the Department of Correctional Services; (4) the Board of Parole; (5) the Office of Probation Administration; (6) the office of the Attorney General; (7) the State Patrol; (8) the Legislature; (9) the Nebraska Criminal Defense Attorneys Association; (10) law enforcement; (11) mental health providers; (12) sex offender treatment services providers; (13) victim's advocates; and (14) postsecondary educational institutions.

The council is required to, among other things, (1) develop standards for eligible sex offender treatment services and programs in which offenders may participate; (2) study sex offender treatment services in and related to the criminal justice and health and human services systems, recommend improvements, and evaluate the implementation of improvements; (3) study, develop, and implement minimum standards for the development and use of sex offender treatment services; (4) develop and implement a plan for statewide use of sex offender treatment services; (5) facilitate communication between agencies and providers; (6) generate strategic planning, goal-setting, and process evaluation; (7) coordinate activities related to the identification, treatment, and management of sex offenders; (8) facilitate the sharing of information and other resources between agencies and providers, including releases signed by offenders and records of agencies and providers; (9) provide consultation and assistance in technical and procedural issues; and (10) develop a sex offender management and treatment team in each county or in a contiguous group of counties.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Joel Johnson, Chairperson