

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB111**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday January 19, 2011  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Gloor  
**One Liner:** Change membership on mental health boards

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

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	6	Senators Bloomfield, Campbell, Gloor, Howard, Krist, Wallman
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator Cook
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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<b>Proponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
Senator Mike Gloor	District #35
Anne Buettner	Nebraska Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
Joseph Kohout	Nebraska Association of Regional Administrators
Terry Werner	Nebraska Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers

<b>Opponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
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<b>Neutral:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

Current law, Section 71-915 (2) requires that each mental health board consist of an attorney and any two, but not more than one from each category: A physician, a psychologist, a psychiatric social worker, a psychiatric nurse, a clinical social worker, or a layperson with a demonstrated interest in mental health and substance dependency issues. LB 111 removes "a psychiatric social worker" from the list and substitutes "licensed independent mental health practitioner who is not a social worker."

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 98 to LB 111 adds "licensed" to clinical social worker; and adds the alternative of "licensed independent clinical social worker" to the category of social workers available to serve on a mental health board.

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Kathy Campbell, Chairperson