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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB18

Chairperson: Senator Merv Riepe

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 18, 2017

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB18 modernizes the dental team in Nebraska in order to provide Nebraskans with improved access to safe, affordable dental care. The bill creates a new category of licensed dental assistants, in addition to unlicensed dental assistants.

The bill also creates expanded function dental assistants, which are licensed dental assistants who, after completion of education and testing, receive permits to perform additional functions as part of the dental team.

Finally, LB18 expands the dental hygienist scope of practice and creates a category of expanded function dental hygienists. Expanded function hygienists, after completion of education and testing, receive permits to perform additional functions as part of the dental team.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mark Kolterman