

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)
LB75

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 25, 2023
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Vargas
One Liner: Provide for review of incidents of severe maternal morbidity

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Ballard, Cavanaugh, M., Day, Hansen, B., Hardin, Riepe, Walz
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Tony Vargas
Ann Anderson Berry
Chad Abresch
Nyomi Thompson
Dominique Brown
Sydnie Carraher
Emily Barr
Sara Howard

Representing:

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Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 75 allows the State Child and Maternal Death Review Team to review incidents of severe maternal morbidity (SMM) and may use Centers for Disease Control guidelines or its own guidelines for the review. The members of the team may review such records or documents to identify preventable causes of severe maternal morbidity.

Sec. 1: Adds "severe maternal morbidity" to the legislative findings language. Adds "incidents of severe maternal morbidity" to legislative intent language.

Sec. 2: Defines severe maternal morbidity as the unexpected outcomes of labor and delivery resulting in significant short or long-term consequences to a woman's health.

Sec. 3: The purpose of the Child and Maternal Death Review Team shall be to develop an understanding of the causes and incidence of severe maternal morbidity, develop recommendations for changes within relevant agencies and organizations which may serve to prevent incidents of severe maternal morbidity and advise the Governor, Legislature and the public changes to law, policy, and practice which will prevent incidents of severe maternal morbidity.

Sec. 4: The chairperson of each team shall, upon receipt of such records, review all pertinent records to complete fields in child, stillbirth, maternal death, and severe maternal morbidity databases. Nursing is removed from experience required by the team data abstractor.

Sec. 5: The "occurring on or after January 1, 2023" deadline for the team's review of stillbirths is removed. The team may review incidents of severe maternal morbidity and may use guidelines published by the Centers for Disease Control or develop its own guidelines. The members may review any records or documents which will allow the team to identify preventable causes of severe maternal morbidity. Nothing in this subsection shall be interpreted to require the review of any incident of severe maternal morbidity.

Sec. 6: DHHS shall have the authority to issue subpoenas to compel production of records in this section except records of incidents of severe maternal morbidity.

Sec. 7: Repealer

Ben Hansen, Chairperson