

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB788

Hearing Date: Thursday January 19, 2012
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Campbell
One Liner: Change respiratory care practice requirements

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Bloomfield, Campbell, Cook, Gloor, Howard, Krist, Lambert
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Senator Kathy Campbell Julie Sundermeier Darcy O'Brien-Genrich Timoree Klingler Stephanie Vandermeulen Tom Danek	Representing: District #25 Self Nebraska Society for Respiratory Care Nebraska Nurses Association Nebraska Academy of Physician Assistants Jim's Home Health Supplies
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Opponents:	Representing:
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Neutral:	Representing:
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

The bill adds that "a nurse practitioner or a licensed physician assistant" may order respiratory care in addition to the current law that allows a licensed physician to order respiratory care.

Explanation of amendments:

Current law provides that only licensed physicians may order respiratory care. LB 788 provides that "nurse practitioners and licensed physician assistants" are to be added; with the changes in the amendment, "certified registered nurse anesthetists" are added to the list.

The amendment strikes the original bill and becomes the bill. Therefore, the amendment adds "nurse practitioner, licensed physician assistants and certified registered nurse anesthetist" to those authorized to order respiratory care services.

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson