

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB12

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 28, 2015
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Krist
One Liner: Suspend medical assistance provided to persons who become inmates of public institutions

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 6 Senators Baker, Crawford, Howard, Campbell, Kolterman, Cook
Nay: 1 Senator Riepe
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Bob Krist
Mary Ann Borgensen
Molly McCleery
Sarita Penka
Frederick Techternaucht
Fred Uhe
Elaine Menzel

Representing:

District 10
Douglas County
Nebraska Appleseed
Omaha Together One Community
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Sarpy County Board of Commissioners
Nebraska Association of County Officials

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Suspending medicaid for inmates is a policy recommendation related to corrections and access to/continuity of care being discussed nationwide. Federal matching dollars are prohibited for inmates.

Section-by-section description:

Section 1: Legislative intent to ensure DHHS and Corrections recognize that while Federal matching dollars are not allowed for inmates, it is available after release and DHHS can process Medicaid applications for inmates. Suspends, rather than terminates Medicaid for inmates who were enrolled in Medicaid prior to incarceration, are otherwise eligible, and for whom the Department is notified of the incarceration. The suspension ends when the inmate is released or after one year.

Explanation of amendments:

AM293 strikes the one year limitation on the suspension of Medicaid for inmates

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson