

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB19

Hearing Date: Friday January 30, 2015
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Krist
One Liner: Change provisions relating to laboratory certification under the Nebraska Safe Drinking Water Safety Act

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	4	Senators Baker, Riepe, Kolterman, Campbell
Nay:	1	Senator Cook
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	2	Senators Crawford, Howard

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Bob Krist
Jerry King

Representing:

District 10
Midwest Laboratories

Opponents:

Joseph Acierno

Representing:

DHHS

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB19 opens up the laboratory process to private industry, to eliminate the Department's monopoly on lab testing.

Section-by-section description:

Section (1): Amends 71-5306 of the Nebraska Safe Drinking Water Act, rephrasing and moving the director's ability to certify labs to perform tests on water that is intended for human consumption. Adds new language to allow the director of public health to certify and enter into contracts with laboratories to provide such testing. Includes standards for such laboratory certification.

Section (2): Repealer section

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson