

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB471

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 11, 2015
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Howard
One Liner: Change provisions relating to prescription drug monitoring

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Baker, Campbell, Crawford, Fox, Howard, Kolterman, Riepe
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Sara Howard
John Massey

Jason Kruger
Mark Ptacek
Kevin Neumann
Robert Marshall
Joni Cover
Ann Frohman
William Mueller

Representing:

District 9
American Academy of Pain Medicine; Nebraska Medical Association
Nebraska Medical Association
Nebraska Medical Association
Self
Self
Nebraska Pharmacists Association
Nebraska Medical Association
Nebraska Methodist Health System; Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America; Nebraska Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Deborah Bass

Representing:

NEHJI

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB471 strengthens the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) to ensure implementation and effectiveness of the program. The Department of Health and Human Services is tasked with developing the PDMP with the Nebraska Health Information Initiative, which is used by providers and pharmacists.

Section (1): Removes outdated/superfluous language from 71-2454; adds provisions to the newly implemented system of prescription drug monitoring. The system is to be implemented within two years. The system will include provisions that (1) prohibit patients from opting out of the system; (2) require all prescriptions of controlled substances to be entered into the system; (3) allow prescribers/dispensers of prescription drugs to access the system at no cost; and (4) make sure the system includes info relating to all payors, including the medical assistance program in the Medical Assistance Act.

Section (2): Adds appropriation language to 71-2455, allocating \$500,000 to DHHS for FY 2015/2016 to carry out the monitoring system set out in 71-2454.

Section (3): Amends 71-2456, adding reference to the appropriation set out in 71-2455 and any other state funds, grants, or gifts received for the purpose of carrying out the system in 71-2454 and 71-2455.

Section (4): Repealer

Explanation of amendments:

AM 1809 replaces the bill. Requires dispensers of prescriptions to report and makes the system accessible to all prescribers and dispensers free of charge. Specifically lists information to be reported. Defines designee, dispenser, and prescriber.

Kathy Campbell, Chairperson