

**ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB549**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday February 20, 2015  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Campbell  
**One Liner:** Adopt the Health Care Transformation Act

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

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	4	Senators Baker, Campbell, Crawford, Howard
<b>Nay:</b>	2	Senators Fox, Riepe
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	1	Senator Kolterman

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Kathy Campbell  
Rowen Zetterman  
Bob Ruaner  
Vicki Duey  
Bruce Rieker  
Nick Faustman  
Mick Mines

**Representing:**

District 25  
Nebraska Medical Association  
NE Academy of Family Physicians  
Friends of Public Health in Nebraska  
NE Hospital Association  
NNVA; NALA  
NAIFA-NE

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB549 came out of the LR22 (2013) and LR422 (2014) interim studies and workgroup policy recommendations regarding the transformation of Nebraska's health care system. The bill sets out the policy goals by defining the Building Blocks of Health Care, including: Access, delivery and financing models, transparency of quality, data collection and analysis, public health interventions, personal responsibility for wellness, workforce, and coordinated statewide health planning.

Creates an advisory committee with reporting requirements.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM2239 combines LB333 (Gloor) into LB549, to create the Program of Health Care Transformation within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), administered by the Division of Public Health. Creates the Health Care Transformation Advisory Commission to advise the Program, DHHS, the Governor, and the Legislature.

Section by section description:

Sec. 1. Creates the Health Care Transformation Act

Sec. 2. Legislative intent

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Sec. 3. Legislative findings

Sec. 4. Defines the Health Care Transformation Advisory Commission, Building Blocks of Health Care, Insurer, and Patient-centered medical home.

Sec. 5. Creates the Program of Health Care Transformation in the Department of Health and Human Services administered by the Division of Public Health. Creates duties for the division. Allows the department to seek outside funds and grants for education and transformation activities. Requires the division to submit an annual report to the Governor and Legislature.

Sec. 6. Creates the Health Care Transformation Advisory Commission. Allows members to be reimbursed from the Health Care Transformation Cash Fund for actual and necessary expenses. Requires the division to provide staffing and technical assistance to the advisory committee.

Sec. 7. Creates duties for the advisory commission including developing recommendations for implementing the Building Blocks of Health Care, reviewing data, advising DHHS, the Legislature, and the Governor regarding transformation of the health care system. Also to advocate for transformation of health care issues and payment mechanisms, and maintain liaison with interested parties to facilitate integration of efforts and goals, and to report to the Governor and Legislature.

Sec. 8. Requires the advisory commission to hire a coordinator and allows them to hire for assistance. Allows the commission to organize committees.

Sec. 9. Creates the Health Care Transformation Cash Fund. Appropriates \$150,000.

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Kathy Campbell, Chairperson