

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB323

Hearing Date: Friday February 03, 2017
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Kolterman
One Liner: Adopt the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Act

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Crawford, Erdman, Howard, Kolterman, Linehan, Riepe, Williams
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Mark Kolterman
Nick Faustman
Dr. Amy Geschwender
Todd Sauer, M.D.
Kim Robak
Heath Boddy
Tom Venzor

Representing:

Introducer
American Cancer Society, Cancer Action Network
Self
Self
Nebraska Medical Association
Nebraska Health Care Association
Nebraska Catholic Conference

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 323 creates the Palliative Care Consumer and Professional Information and Education Program, mandating the Department of Health and Human Services to provide information on its website, including continuing education opportunities for health care professionals, delivery of palliative care in the home, best practices, educational material and referral information for hospice and palliative care.

LB323 creates the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council. This advisory council will consult with and advise the Department of Health and Human Services on matters relating to palliative care initiatives.

SECTION BY SECTION:

Section 1: Creates act titled Palliative Care and Quality of Life Act.

Section 2: Intent of the Legislature.

Section 3: Mandates the Department of Health and Human Services establish the Palliative Care Consumer and

Professional Information and Education Program. Mandates the Department to consult with Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council. Mandates the Department provide information of program on website on or before June 30, 2018. Provides requirements for the website.

Section 4: Creates the Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council. The Council will consult with the Department regarding palliative care initiatives. Provides requirements for the Council.

Merv Riepe, Chairperson