

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB505

Hearing Date: Thursday January 31, 2019
Committee On: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Introducer: Brewer
One Liner: Change provisions relating to support order payments and the State Disbursement Unit

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

Vote Results:

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| Aye: | 7 | Senators Brewer, Blood, Hansen, M., Hunt, Kolowski, La Grone, Lowe |
| Nay: | | |
| Absent: | 1 | Senator Hilgers |
| Present Not Voting: | | |

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Tom Brewer
Troy Reiners

Representing:

Introducer
NE State Treasurer's office

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Matt Wallen

Representing:

DHHS

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

This bill modifies statutes governing the administration of child support payments received and disbursed by state government. These payments are ultimately the responsibility of the Department of Health and Human Services, but DHHS has an interagency agreement with the State Treasurer's office to provide related services through its State Disbursement Unit. The bill requires that counties receiving related payments to electronically forward these payments to the State Disbursement Unit. The bill also allows for additional guaranteed means of payment beyond those currently enumerated in statute. When a payment is returned (after a disbursement has already occurred), this bill would modify the law to allow the State Treasurer to recoup the related loss from the next payment received from the payor. Finally, the bill addresses how the SDU handles overpayments.

Explanation of amendments:

The committee amendment, AM 125, replaces the introduced version of the bill. It eliminates new language from paragraph (2) of the original LB 505 that would have applied support payment monies to pay returned check charges. The amendment also eliminates the new paragraph (3) from the introduced bill altogether. Other elements of the introduced version of LB 505 are retained in the amendment.
