

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB541

Hearing Date: Wednesday March 13, 2019
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Walz
One Liner: Provide a duty for the Department of Health and Human Services relating to bone marrow

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Arch, Cavanaugh, Hansen, B., Howard, Murman, Walz, Williams
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:	Representing:
Senator Lynne Walz	Introducer
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Opponents:	Representing:
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Neutral:	Representing:
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Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 541 amends Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-4819 which requires the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to educate residents in the state about the need for bone marrow donors.

LB 541 inserts language to include two additional pieces of information to DHHS's education program: (1) the patient populations benefiting from bone marrow donations and (2) how to acquire a free buccal swab kit from a bone marrow registry as part of their education program. (Page 2, lines 6-8.)

Explanation of amendments:

AM 950 inserts a new section into LB 541. Under this new section, physicians may ask new patients aged 18-45, if they are registered with the bone marrow registry. If the patient is not registered, the physician may provide information developed and disseminated by DHHS about the bone marrow registry to the patient. (AM 950, lines 2-8.)

AM 950 also inserts a new subsection (2) into Section 1 in the green copy which would require DHHS to provide information and educational materials to the public regarding bone marrow donation and requires DHHS to seek assistance from the national bone marrow donor program on a system to distribute materials, update materials, and disclose the risks involved with bone marrow donation. (AM 950, lines 9-14.)

Sara Howard, Chairperson