

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB22

Chairperson: Senator Sara Howard

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 23, 2019

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 22 would modify Nebraska's Nursing Facility Civil Money Penalty Fund statutes to mirror the federal regulations.

Nursing facilities may be fined for being out of compliance with federal requirements. A portion of these fines goes to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and a portion goes into Nebraska's Nursing Facility Civil Money Penalty Cash Fund. These funds must be used to benefit nursing facility residents. Nebraska's statute currently limits the use of these funds to only a select number of options, which is more restrictive than the federal requirements. This change would align Nebraska's range of options with the federal regulations.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mark Kolterman