

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB988**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday January 31, 2022  
**Committee On:** Appropriations  
**Introducer:** Stinner  
**One Liner:** Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services for a medicaid rate study for assisted-living services

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**

Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	6	Senators Dorn, Hilkemann, McDonnell, Stinner, Vargas, Wishart
<b>Nay:</b>	1	Senator Erdman
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	2	Senators Clements, Kolterman

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator John Stinner  
Jalene Carpenter  
Lisa Nielsen  
Brian Shanks  
Marv Fritz

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Health Care Association  
Nebraska Health Care Association  
Tabitha Health Care  
Evergreen Assisted Living

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB988 appropriates \$100,000 in General Funds in FY2023 for a study of assisted living and memory care rates. The bill directs the Department of Health and Human Services to claim a federal Medicaid match for the study costs. The appropriation is to be used to conduct a study for the purpose of determining reasonable rates for assisted living care and assisted living memory care for individuals participating in the aged and disabled waiver program. The study would be contracted with a Nebraska-based economic and business research organization. The department is required to make data available as reasonably required for the study. A report is due to the Appropriations Committee by September 1, 2022 with recommendations on rate changes, rate structure, rate methodology and frequency for future rate studies. The bill has the emergency clause.

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John Stinner, Chairperson