

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023
COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)
LB345

Hearing Date: Friday February 03, 2023
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Armendariz
One Liner: Define palliative care under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Ballard, Cavanaugh, M., Day, Hansen, B., Hardin, Riepe, Walz
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Christy Armendariz
Marcia Cederdahl
Marilee Malcolm
Lena Bostwick
Andrew MacFayden

Adrian Sanchez
Jina Ragland
Marion Miner

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Palliative and Quality of Life Advisory Council
Nebraska Hospice & Palliative Care Association
Nebraska Nurses Association
Nebraska Hospital Association, Nebraska Palliative Care & Quality of Life Advisory Council
Nebraska Association for Home Healthcare and Hospice
AARP Nebraska
Nebraska Catholic Conference

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 345 defines palliative care as specialized medical care for people living with a serious illness that carries a high risk of mortality or negatively impacts quality of life.

Sec. 1: Adds palliative care definition to the Health Care Facility Licensure Act.

Sec. 2: Applies the new definition to the purposes of the Act.

Sec 3: Defines palliative care as specialized medical care for people living with a serious illness that carries a high risk of mortality or negatively impacts quality of life. This type of care addresses the symptoms and stress of a serious illness, including pain. Palliative care is a team-based approach to care, providing essential support at any age and stage of a serious illness. It

can be provided across care settings and along with curative treatment. The goal of palliative care is to improve quality of life both the patient and the patient's family or care partner.

Ben Hansen, Chairperson