

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB668

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 12, 2025
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Storer
One Liner: Change provisions relating to the Adult Protective Services Central Registry, the central registry of child protection cases, and child welfare case managers

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Hardin, Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Meyer, Quick, Riepe
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Tanya Storer
Dr. Alyssa Bish
Scott Thomas

Representing:

Opening Presenter
NE Department of Health and Human Services
Village in Progress

Opponents:

Justin Hubly

Representing:

Nebraska Association of Public Employees
(NAPE/AFSCME) Local 61

Neutral:

Allison Derr

Representing:

Nebraska Appleseed

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 668 changes the notice provisions of the Adult Protective Services Central Registry and the central registry of child protection cases. The fee is raised for the central registry of child protection cases. A case manager that is a contracted provider may be used for juveniles under DHHS care.

Sec. 1: No person shall be entered on the Adult Protective Services Central Registry without first being notified of the right to contest the determination. If a proper request for appeal is made by the subject, the subject shall not be entered on the registry until a final order is issued by DHHS.

Requires that notice of abuse of a vulnerable adult be sent prior to the entry of the subject's name on the registry.



The notice shall also include the right to an appeal within 14 calendar days after the date of the notice of DHHS's determination is sent.

Sec. 2: Prior to entry of the subject's name on the central registry of child protection cases, the subject shall be given written notice of the child abuse or neglect report.

The notice of the report shall also include the right of appeal within 14 days after the date of the notice of DHHS's determination is sent.

Any notification required by this section shall be sent to the subject at least 14 days prior to the date the subject's name will be entered on the central registry of child protection cases. No person shall be entered on this central registry without first being notified of the right to contest the case determination.

If the subject will not be entered into the central registry, the notice that is sent shall now include that the subject may appeal the decision.

Sec. 3: The central registry of child protection cases fee is raised from \$3 to \$5.

Sec. 4: If a proper request for appeal is made by the subject after receipt of notification, the subject shall not be entered on the central registry of child protection cases until a final order is issued by DHHS.

Sec. 5: The case manager of all DHHS juvenile cases may be a contracted provider for prevention cases. A prevention case is a case in which at least one juvenile in the home is a foster child, ongoing child welfare services are not required, and the family voluntarily engages in services through community resources.

Sec. 6: Repealer

Brian Hardin, Chairperson

