

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB454

Chairperson: Senator Brian Hardin

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 28, 2025

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

LB454 amends sections 71-809 and 71-812 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes to change contracting restrictions and expand housing assistance funding use for regional behavioral health authorities. Prohibits authorities from providing services without competitive bidding, barring exceptions for emergencies or pilot projects (formerly, there was no exception for pilot projects). Pilot projects must not be conducted for more than one year, must be used for existing services, and must have outcomes approved by the regional behavioral health authority. Also permits the use of the Behavioral Health Services Fund for housing-related assistance for low-income adults with substance use disorders (formerly funding could only be used for those with serious mental illness).

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Dan Quick