

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB237

Hearing Date: Thursday February 10, 2011
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Howard
One Liner: Provide for creation of a prescription drug monitoring program

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Bloomfield, Campbell, Cook, Gloor, Howard, Krist, Wallman
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Gwen Howard
Chris Henkenius
Bob Twillman
Joni Cover
David Buntain
Joann Schaefer
Annette Harmon

Representing:

District #9
Nebraska Health Information Initiative (NHII, Inc.)
American Academy of Pain Management
Nebraska Pharmacists Association
Nebraska Medical Association
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
Nebraska Nurses Association

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 237 states that the intent of the Legislature in this act is to establish a system of prescription drug monitoring to:

- Prevent the misuse of prescription drugs in an efficient and cost-effective manner; and
- Allow doctors and pharmacists to monitor the care and treatment of patients prescribed prescription drugs, to ensure their medical appropriateness; and
- Have the State of Nebraska remain on the cutting edge of medical information technology.

The bill provides that the department, in collaboration with the Nebraska Health Information Initiative (or any successor public-private statewide health information exchange), shall enhance or establish technology for prescription drug monitoring to carry out this act. The department may adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to authorize the use of electronic health information, if necessary, to carry out the purposes of this act.
