One Hundred Third Legislature - Second Session - 2014

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LR422

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 21, 2014

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

LR 422 is to provide for legislative leadership for a framework for cooperation between health care stakeholders and policy makers in Nebraska to work towards health care system transformation. As a result of Legislative Resolution 22 passed during the One Hundred Third Legislature, First Session, the Heath and Human Services Committee in conjunction with the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee held a conference on health care in Nebraska attended by 167 stakeholders from across the state. The conference examined what the Nebraska health care system should look like, and what opportunities and challenges Nebraska patients, providers, and payers will face, during the period of change over the next fifteen years.

LR 422 continues the work LR 22 started by continuing to bring stakeholders together to work together towards the shared objectives of controlling health care costs and improving health care quality. The Committees shall continue to provide a comprehensive review of Nebraska's health care delivery, cost, and coverage demands; define opportunities for expansion of health care delivery to rural and medically under served regions through telemedicine, electronic home care devices and Internet-based care; determine the role of team based care, including patient centered medical homes and accountable care organization; assess loan forgiveness programs; and develop cooperative strategies and initiatives for design, implementation, and accountability of services that improve care quality and value-based care while advancing the overall health of all Nebraskans.

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