

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2016
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB901

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 27, 2016
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Kolterman
One Liner: Change dental assistant and licensed dental hygienist provisions

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 7 Senators Baker, Campbell, Crawford, Fox, Howard, Riepe, Kolterman
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Mark Kolterman
David O'Doherty
Cynthia Cronick
Charles Bauer
Erin Haley
Kalyanda Kuhl
Crystal Stuhr
Jessica Meeske

Representing:

District 24
Nebraska Dental Association
Self/NE Dental Assistants Association
Self
NE Dental Hygienists' Assn. (NDHA)
NDHA
Nebraska Dental Association
Nebraska Society of Pediatric Dentistry

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB901 amends the Dentistry Practice Act to expand the scope of practice of dental assistants and hygienists in accordance with a credentialing review (407 process) completed by the Department of Health and Human Services. Creates a new license for dental assistants, while allowing unlicensed dental assistants to remain in practice for limited duties. Creates new requirements and permits for expanded function dental assistants and expanded function dental hygienists who have completed certain education and training requirements. Allows the Board of Dentistry to approve the education and training requirements and issue such licenses and permits.

Explanation of amendments:

AM2024 changes "general" to "indirect" supervision of a dental assistant by a dentist to perform x-rays and coronal polishing as requested at the hearing by the dental hygienists association.

