

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB571**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday March 01, 2019  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Walz  
**One Liner:** Provide for a data base of grievance procedures from assisted-living facilities

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

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 7 Senators Arch, Cavanaugh, Hansen, B., Howard, Murman, Walz, Williams  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**  
Senator Lynne Walz  
Jerall Moreland

**Representing:**  
Introducer  
Ombudsman's Office

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**  
Darrell Klein

**Representing:**  
Department of Health and Human Services

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**  
LB 571 amends the Assisted-Living Facility Act.

According to the Assisted-Living Facility Act, each assisted-living facility must give applicants written information about their practices including the "criteria for admission to and continued residence in the assisted-living facility and the process for addressing issues that may prevent admission to or continued residence in the assisted-living facility." (Neb. Rev. Stat. 71-5905(3)(d).)

LB 571 inserts a new section in the Act which requires the Department of Health and Human Services to maintain a data base of grievance procedures given to an applicant for admission. (Sec. 2, lines 5-8.) The database must be made available upon request to the deputy public counsel for institutions. (Sec. 2(2), lines 9-10.)

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**Explanation of amendments:**

AM 609 replaces section 2 in the green copy. Section 2(1) of AM 609 defines the terms "grievance" and "grievance procedure." Section 2(2) requires each assisted-living facility (ALF) to provide the Department of Health and Human

Services the grievance procedure the ALF provides to individuals when someone is admitted to the ALF. Further, if such grievance procedure is modified, updated, or otherwise changed, the new grievance procedure must be provided to DHHS within seven business days. DHHS is also required to make the grievance procedures available to the deputy public counsel for institutions.

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Sara Howard, Chairperson