

ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB642

Hearing Date: Tuesday March 12, 2019
Committee On: Appropriations
Introducer: McDonnell
One Liner: Create the Brain Injury Trust Fund

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Bolz, Dorn, Hilkemann, McDonnell, Stinner, Vargas, Wishart
Nay:	2	Senators Clements, Erdman
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Mike McDonnell
Denise Gehringer
Tiffany Armstrong
Steve Martin
Brenda Petersen
Sharon Royers
Edison McDonald
Kjell Cronn
Christine Stewart

Representing:

Introducer
Self
Nebraska Brain Injury Advisory Council
Self
Brain Injury Alliance of Nebraska
Self
The Arc of Nebraska
Self
Self

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

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