

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1068

Hearing Date: Thursday February 03, 2022
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Stinner
One Liner: Change provisions regarding the Behavioral Health Education Center administered by the University of Nebraska Medical Center

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Arch, Cavanaugh, M., Day, Hansen, B., Murman, Walz, Williams
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator John Stinner
Korby Gilbertson
Andy Hale
Marney Doyle
Beth Ann Brooks
Annette Dubas
Kelley Hasenauer
Anne Talbot
Catherine Jones-Hazledine
Megan Lawhon
Mark Hald
Lisa Logsdan

Ashleigh Clark

Representing:

District 48
Self
Nebraska Hospital Association
University of Nebraska System
Nebraska Psychiatric Society
Nebraska Association of Behavioral Health Organizations
Nebraska Nurse Practitioners
Nebraska Psychological Association
Self
Self
Self
Nebraska Mental Health Centers Psychology Internship Program
Nebraska Mental Health Centers Psychology Internship Program

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 1068 would amend the Nebraska Behavioral Health Services Act with regards to intent language and the Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska (BHECN), and would clean up outdated language.

Intent language would focus on the underserved areas of the state based upon workforce shortages, and intent would include alleviating education, recruitment, and retention challenges in the behavioral health field. (P. 1, lines 3-13).

With regards to BHECN, LB 1068 would provide funds for up to ten additional medical residents, physician assistants, or psychiatric nurse practitioners in a Nebraska-based psychiatry program. This changes the previous language of "two medical residents." It would also provide funds for up to twelve one-year doctoral level psychology internships, which is an increase from the previous number of five. LB 1068 would also add language to provide funds for up to ten one-year mental health therapist internships or practicums in Nebraska, who would be placed in rural and underserved communities in Nebraska. (Pp. 3-4, lines 15-7).

LB 1068 would also provide for BHECN to educate behavioral health providers and facilities in integrating behavioral health care into primary care practice, and establish a learning collaborative with public school districts. (Pp. 4-5, lines 22-9)

John Arch, Chairperson