

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB 638

HEARING DATE: 2/17/99

COMMITTEE ON: Judiciary

TITLE: (Thompson, Dw. Pedersen) Create a task force to study substance abuse services in the criminal justice system

ROLL CALL VOTE – FINAL COMMITTEE ACTION

Advanced to General File

Advanced to General File with Amendments

X Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

6	Yes	Senators Baker, Bourne, Brashear, Chambers, Connealy, Pedersen
	No	
	Present, not voting	
2	Absent	Senators Hilgert & Robak

PROPOSERS

Senator Nancy Thompson
Cathy Waller-Borovac

REPRESENTING

Introducer
Dept. of Correctional Services – Office of
Community Justice
Department of Correctional Services
State Probation

OPPOSERS

REPRESENTING

NEUTRAL

REPRESENTING

SUMMARY OF PURPOSE AND/OR CHANGES:

Legislative Bill 638 would **create a task force** to be appointed by the Governor **to study substance abuse treatment services in the adult and juvenile criminal justice systems.**

The task force would include:

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- The chairperson of the Parole Board;
- The executive director of the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice;
- The administrator of the Nebraska Correctional Treatment Center;
- The administrator of the Department of Health and Human Services Protection and Safety Division;
- The director of the Division of Alcoholism, Drug Abuse and Addiction Services of the Department of Health and Human Services;
- The probation administrator of the Office of Probation Administration;
- The administrator of the Office of Community Justice;
- The Director of Policy Research;
- The Parole Administrator; and
- Two members of the Legislature, or
- Designees of such persons.

The Governor is also required to appoint 10 additional persons from the public and private sectors representing law enforcement, prosecution, courts, public defenders, diversion, drug courts, county corrections, consumers, and substance abuse treatment services. Appointments are to be made by June 15, 1999.

The task force is to study and determine a statewide strategy to address substance abuse treatment to persons in the adult and juvenile criminal justice system. The task force may hold public hearings and other appropriate means to receive input. The task force shall report its findings to the Governor and the Legislature no later than December 1, 1999.

The task force shall develop and recommend standardized substance abuse evaluation and assessment instruments by January 1, 2000. The task force may hire a consultant for purposes of developing such instruments.

EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENTS, IF ANY:

Senator