



Ninety-Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2003
Committee Statement
LB 467

Hearing Date: February 20, 2003
Committee On: Health and Human Services

Introducer(s): (Jensen)

Title: Name the Nebraska Health and Human Services System and eliminate obsolete transfer provisions

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - X Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

5	Yes	Senator Jensen, Byars, Cunningham, Johnson and Stuthman
	No	
1	Present, not voting	Senator Maxwell
1	Absent	Senator Erdman

Proponents:
Senator Jensen
Christine Peterson

Representing:
Introducer
Nebraska Health and Human Services System

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:
Kathy Moore

Representing:
The Nebraska Partnership Council

Summary of purpose and/or changes: The bill changes provisions of the Nebraska Partnership for Health and Human Services Act. The bill renames the act as the Nebraska Health and Human Services System Act, and provides a purpose for the act. The bill strikes all references to the Partnership Council and the Policy Cabinet. The bill prescribes use of the term Nebraska Health and Human Services System to collectively refer to the three departments created in the act (the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure, and the Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support). The bill permits the Governor, after January 1, 2006, to name the Policy Secretary as the chief administrative officer for the system. The bill transfers provisions and outright repeals several sections.

Explanation of amendments, if any: The committee amendment (AM 479) reinstates provisions relating to the Policy Cabinet that were stricken in the bill as introduced. It designates the Policy Cabinet and revises duties of the Policy Cabinet in section 81-3009. It reinstates sections 81-3106, 81-3206, and 81-3306 relating to the existence and applicability of documents existing prior to the creation of the Health and Human Services System in 1996 (LB 1044). It reinstates stricken language relating to the sharing of information among the departments and the Policy Secretary. It changes the date after which the Governor may direct the Policy Secretary to serve as chief administrative officer for the Health and Human Services System from January 1, 2006, to January 1, 2007, and changes the term “direct” to “designate.”

Senator Jim Jensen, Chairperson