

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010
COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)
LB226

Hearing Date: Wednesday March 25, 2009
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Rogert
One Liner: Authorize medical consent and contracting authority for certain persons eighteen years of age

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	7	Senators Ashford, Coash, Council, Lathrop, Lautenbaugh, McGill, Rogert
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Christensen

Proponents:

Sen. Kent Rogert
Laurel Marsh
Todd Landry

Representing:

Introducer
ACLU Nebraska
DHHS

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Korby Gilbertson
Jim Cunningham
Denis McCarville

Representing:

Boys Town
Nebraska Catholic Conference
Children and Family Coalition of Nebraska

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 226 would amend various statute sections to lower the age of majority from nineteen to eighteen.

Explanation of amendments:

Committee Amendment 1590 would replace the bill. Under AM1590, an eighteen year old minor may consent to his or her own medical treatment if his or her parent or guardian delegates the power to consent to the minor with a properly executed power of attorney.

The amendment would allow minors who have reached the age of eighteen to enter into binding contracts or leases and provides that they are legally responsible for the contracts.

Brad Ashford, Chairperson