ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010 COMMITTEE STATEMENT LB541

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 11, 2009 **Committee On:** Health and Human Services

Introducer: Campbell

One Liner: Exempt certain adult dental services from medicaid limitations

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Campbell, Gay, Gloor, Howard, Pankonin, Stuthman, Wallman

Nay: Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents: Representing:

Senator Campbell Introducer

Jennifer Carter Nebraska Appleseed

Cora Micek Nebrsaka Hospital Association

Bob Rauner Nebraska Medical Association

Cathy Miller Nebraska Planning Council on Developmental

Disabilities

Larry Baker Nebraska Dental Association
David O'Doherty Nebraska Dental Association

Opponents: Representing:

Vivianne Chaumont Department of Health and Human Services

Neutral: Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 541 provides exemptions to limits on the amount, scope, and duration of adult dental services under the medical assistance program (Medicaid). The bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to "exempt dental services provided to adult recipients from limits on the amount, duration, and scope of goods and services under the medical assistance program if the recipient (a) is pregnant, (b) has a dental condition which if untreated would (i) worsen an existing disease or medical condition or (ii) cause increased costs for treatment of an existing disease or medical condition, (c) has a dental condition which requires a specific sequence of treatment that cannot be provided over a length of time without violating basic dental standards of care, (d) experienced trauma to the mouth or teeth and without immediate dental treatment would suffer loss of front permanent teeth, or (e) is a first-time eligible recipient under the medical assistance program in Nebraska."

Tim Gay, Chairperson