

ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2017
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB334

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 25, 2017
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Riepe
One Liner: Change Department of Health and Human Services provisions relating to families

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Crawford, Erdman, Howard, Kolterman, Linehan, Williams
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Riepe

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:
Doug Weinberg

Representing:
DHHS

Opponents:
Karen Authier
Tawnya Hansen
Randy Null
Julia Tse

Representing:
Nebraska Children's Home Society
Christian Heritage
Christian Heritage
Voices for Children in Nebraska

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 334 eliminates the pilot project for locating and engaging family members in the life of a child who is a ward of the state or participating in the Bridge to Independence program.

SECTION BY SECTION:

Section 1: Amends Section 43-2201 to eliminate the pilot project for locating and engaging family members in the life of a child who is a ward of the state or participating in the Bridge to Independence program.

Section 2: Amends Section 43-2203 to remove contracted providers of family finding services, and family members engaged in the pilot project.

Section 3: Amends Section 43-2205 to remove requirement of Department to refer a portion of all cases under the pilot project to providers of family findings services, removes department administrative oversight over contracts, removes collaboration of department case manager foster parents, and family finding services.

Section 4: Amends Section 43-2209 update section numbers.

Section 5: Repeal Sections 43-2204, 43-2206, and 43-2208.

Merv Riepe, Chairperson