Hearing Date: Thursday March 09, 2017
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Groene
One Liner: Exempt equine massage therapy from credentialing and regulation under the Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act

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

Vote Results:
Aye: 4 Senators Crawford, Erdman, Linehan, Riepe
Nay: Absent: 3 Senators Howard, Kolterman, Williams

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents: Senator Mike Groene
Karen Hough

Opponents: James Unwin
Bruce Crabtree
Brett Speece
Lissa Nelson
Kent Rogert

Neutral:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:
LB 596 provides a licensure exemption for equine massage therapy and defines equine massage therapy.

SECTION BY SECTION:

Section (1): Amends Section 38-3301 to add additional section.

Section (2): Amends Section 38-3302 to add additional section.

Section (3): Defines "equine massage therapy".

Section (4): Amends Section 38-3314 to add unlicensed assistant does not include a person engaged in equine massage therapy to definition of "unlicensed assistant".

Section (5): Amends Section 38-3321 to add equine massage therapy from exemption from required licensure under the
Veterinary Medicine and Surgery Practice Act.


Explanation of amendments:
Strikes "high performance" from definition of "equine massage therapy".

Merv Riepe, Chairperson