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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1249

Chairperson: Senator John Arch

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 02, 2022

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Medical nutrition therapy has been a regulated health profession in Nebraska since 1970, this bill updates the practice act, modernizes terminology, and provides an alternate path to licensure for certified nutrition specialists and nonregistered dietitian nutritionists.

LB 1249 changes the credential to practice medical nutrition therapy from a Licensed Medical Nutrition Therapist to either a Licensed Dietitian Nutritionist (for a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist) or a Licensed Nutritionist (for Certified Nutrition Specialists and nonregistered dietitian nutritionist). After a 407 credential review by the Department of Health and Human Services in 2020, this bill reflects the application unanimously approved as protective of patient safety by the technical review committee on March 9, 2021, the state Board of Health on March 15, 2021, and by Dr. Gary Anthone, the Director of Public Health and Chief Medical Officer for the State of Nebraska on April 12, 2021.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Ben Hansen