

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2023**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB586**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday February 22, 2023  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Hughes  
**One Liner:** Provide duties for the Nebraska Center for Nursing regarding clinical training sites

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	6	Senators Ballard, Day, Hansen, B., Hardin, Riepe, Walz
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	1	Senator Cavanaugh, M.

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Theresa Hughes  
Jeremy Nordquist  
Theresa Delahoyde  
  
Lina Bostwick  
Stacey Ocander  
Jed Hansen  
Jina Ragland  
Courtney Wittstruck  
Kristin Rohde

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Hospital Association  
Bryan College of Health Sciences/Counsel of Independent Colleges  
Nebraska Nurses Association  
Metropolitan Community College  
Nebraska Rural Health Association  
AARP Nebraska  
Nebraska Community College Association  
Nebraska Association of Nurse Anesthetists

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 586 provides \$10 million to the Nebraska Center for Nursing over the next two years in order to expand clinical training, hire more clinical faculty, expand simulation training, incentivize hospitals to partner with the center. In addition, LB 586 establishes a committee tasked with expanding nursing opportunities throughout the state, especially those areas that have low numbers.

**SECTION BY SECTION SUMMARY:**

Sec. 1: It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate funds necessary for the center to carry out the Nebraska

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Center for Nursing Act, including, but not limited to, funds to expand clinical training sites as provided in subsection (3) of section 71-1798 in the amount of three million dollars from the General Fund for fiscal year 2023-24 and seven million dollars from the General Fund for fiscal year 2024-25.

Sec. 2: (3) The center shall expand clinical training sites for nurses throughout the state, giving preference to areas that have lower numbers of registered nurses per capita compared to the state average, and shall develop programs that:

- (a) Incentivize clinical nurses to become clinical nurse faculty;
- (b) Incentivize nurse faculty to partner with staff nurses in the development of clinical nurse faculty;
- (c) Expand simulation training for nurse clinical education; and
- (d) Incentivize hospital facilities to support the center in carrying out this subsection

Sec. 3: The Nebraska Center for Nursing Board shall have the following powers and duties . . .

(c) To establish a committee to examine expanding nursing clinical opportunities throughout the state while giving preference to areas that have lower numbers of registered nurses per capita compared to the state average; The department shall provide additional staff to support the board in carrying out subsection (3) of section 71-1798.

Sec 4: Repealer

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Ben Hansen, Chairperson