

AMENDMENTS TO LB867

(Amendments to Standing Committee amendments, AM2270)

Introduced by Hardin, 48.

1 1. Strike original sections 14 and 16 and insert the following new
2 sections:

3 **Sec. 14.** Section 71-564, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
4 2024, is amended to read:

5 71-564 (1) The Aging, Alzheimer's, and Dementia ~~Alzheimer's Disease~~
6 ~~and Other Dementia~~ Advisory Council is created and shall include:

7 (a) ~~Seventeen~~ Twelve voting members appointed by the Governor. The
8 voting members shall consist of: (i) An individual living with
9 Alzheimer's disease or another dementia or a family member or care
10 partner with experience caring for ~~of~~ such an individual; (ii) an
11 individual who is a state representative of a nationwide organization
12 that advocates for aging adults or individuals living with Alzheimer's
13 disease or other dementia ~~the family caregiver of an individual living~~
14 ~~with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia~~; (iii) an individual who is
15 a medical professional with experience diagnosing or treating Alzheimer's
16 disease or other dementia ~~represents nursing homes~~; (iv) an individual
17 who represents assisted-living facilities; (v) an individual who
18 represents providers of nonmedical home and community-based services,
19 including home care, respite, or adult day care services ~~represents~~
20 ~~providers of adult day care services~~; (vi) an individual who conducts
21 research regarding aging and dementia-related issues ~~represents home care~~
22 ~~providers~~; (vii) an individual representing nursing homes; (viii) an
23 individual at large representing those who are aging in Nebraska; (ix) an
24 individual or an advocate with experience or expertise in aging and
25 special populations; and (x) one representative from each of the eight
26 planning-and-service areas as designated in the Nebraska Community Aging

1 ~~Services Act a medical professional who has experience diagnosing and~~
2 ~~treating Alzheimer's disease; (viii) an individual who conducts research~~
3 ~~regarding Alzheimer's disease or other dementia; (ix) an individual who~~
4 ~~represents a leading, nationwide organization that advocates on behalf of~~
5 ~~individuals living with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia; (x) an~~
6 ~~individual who represents an area agency on aging; (xi) an individual~~
7 ~~representing an organization that advocates for older adults; and (xii)~~
8 ~~an individual with experience or expertise in the area of the specific~~
9 ~~needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and~~
10 ~~Alzheimer's disease or other dementia; and~~

11 (b) Five nonvoting members. The nonvoting members shall consist of:
12 (i) The Director of Public Health or the director's designee; (ii) the
13 Director of ~~Disability and Aging Medicaid and Long-Term Care~~ or the
14 director's designee; (iii) ~~the administrator a representative of the~~
15 ~~State Unit on Aging or the administrator's designee of the Division of~~
16 ~~Medicaid and Long-Term Care designated by the Director of Medicaid and~~
17 ~~Long-Term Care; (iv) a representative of the Nebraska Workforce~~
18 ~~Development Board designated by the board; and (v) the state long-term~~
19 ~~care ombudsman or the ombudsman's designee.~~

20 (2) The terms of the initial members shall begin on the date of the
21 first meeting as called by the Director of Public Health and (a) one-
22 third shall serve for two-year terms, (b) one-third shall serve for
23 three-year terms, and (c) one-third shall serve for four-year terms,
24 including the chairperson and vice-chairperson. Thereafter all members
25 shall serve four-year terms. Members may not serve more than two
26 consecutive four-year terms. Vacancies shall be appointed by the Governor
27 in the same manner as described in subdivision (1)(a) of this section.

28 (3) Members of the council shall select the chairperson and vice-
29 chairperson who shall not be employees of the state and may serve in such
30 role for up to four consecutive years. The Director of Public Health or
31 the director's designee shall call and preside over the first meeting

1 until a chairperson is selected. Thereafter, the council shall meet at
2 least quarterly at the call of the chairperson. A majority of the voting
3 members shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of meetings.

4 (4) The council shall hold meetings at least once every calendar
5 quarter.

6 (5) Members shall serve on the council without compensation but
7 shall be compensated for expenses incurred for such service as provided
8 in sections 81-1174 to 81-1177.

9 (6) The department shall provide staff and support to the council as
10 necessary to assist the council in the performance of its duties.

11 **Sec. 16.** Section 71-566, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
12 2024, is amended to read:

13 71-566 The council shall consider and make findings and
14 recommendations on the following topics:

15 (1) Trends in the state's aging and Alzheimer's disease and other
16 dementia populations and service needs, including:

17 (a) The state's role in providing or facilitating long-term care,
18 family caregiver support, home and community-based services to the aging,
19 and assistance to those with early-stage or early-onset Alzheimer's
20 disease or other dementia;

21 (b) The state's policies regarding services provided to aging
22 individuals and individuals with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia;

23 (c) The fiscal impact of Alzheimer's disease and other dementia on
24 publicly funded health care programs; and

25 (d) The establishment of a surveillance system to better determine
26 the number of individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or other
27 dementia and to monitor changes to such numbers;

28 (2) Existing resources, services, and capacity relating to the
29 diagnosis and care of individuals living with Alzheimer's disease or
30 other dementia, including:

31 (a) The type, cost, and availability of dementia care services;

1 (b) The availability of health care workers who can serve people
2 with dementia, including, but not limited to, neurologists,
3 geriatricians, and direct care workers;

4 (c) Dementia-specific training requirements for public and private
5 employees who interact with people living with Alzheimer's disease or
6 other dementia which shall include, but not be limited to, long-term care
7 workers, case managers, adult protective services, law enforcement, and
8 first responders;

9 (d) Home and community-based services, including respite care for
10 individuals sixty years of age and older or for individuals exhibiting
11 symptoms of Alzheimer's disease or other dementia and their families;

12 (e) Quality care measures for home and community-based services and
13 residential care facilities; and

14 (f) State-supported Alzheimer's disease and other dementia research
15 conducted at universities located in this state; ~~and~~

16 (3) Policies and strategies that address the following:

17 (a) Increasing public awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other
18 dementia;

19 (b) Educating providers to increase early detection and diagnosis of
20 Alzheimer's disease and other dementia;

21 (c) Improving the health care received by individuals diagnosed with
22 Alzheimer's disease or other dementia;

23 (d) Evaluating the capacity of the health care system in meeting the
24 growing number and needs of those with Alzheimer's disease and other
25 dementia;

26 (e) Increasing the number of health care professionals necessary to
27 treat the growing aging and Alzheimer's disease and other dementia
28 populations;

29 (f) Improving services provided in the home and community to delay
30 and decrease the need for institutionalized care for individuals sixty
31 years of age or older or individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease

1 or other dementia;

2 (g) Improving long-term care, including assisted living, for those
3 with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia;

4 (h) Assisting unpaid Alzheimer's disease or dementia caregivers;

5 (i) Increasing and improving research on Alzheimer's disease and
6 other dementia;

7 (j) Promoting activities to maintain and improve brain health;

8 (k) Improving the collection of data and information related to
9 Alzheimer's disease and other dementia and the resulting public health
10 burdens;

11 (l) Improving public safety and addressing the safety-related needs
12 of those with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia;

13 (m) Addressing legal protections for, and legal issues faced by,
14 individuals with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia; and

15 (n) Improving the ways in which the government evaluates and adopts
16 policies to assist individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or
17 other dementia and their families; -

18 (4) The collection of facts and statistics and special studies of
19 the conditions and problems pertaining to the employment, health,
20 financial status, recreation, social adjustment, or other conditions and
21 problems relating to the general welfare of aging individuals of the
22 state;

23 (5) State and local agencies serving aging individuals for purposes
24 of coordinating such agencies' activities, and reports from the various
25 state agencies and institutions relating to matters within the
26 jurisdiction of the council;

27 (6) The latest developments of research, studies, and programs being
28 conducted throughout the nation relating to the problems and needs of
29 aging individuals;

30 (7) The mutual exchange of ideas and information relating to aging
31 individuals among federal, state, and local governmental agencies,

1 private organizations, and individuals; and
2 (8) Cooperation with federal, state, and local agencies or private
3 organizations in administering and supervising demonstration programs of
4 services for aging individuals designed to foster continued participation
5 of such individuals in family and community life and to prevent, insofar
6 as possible, the onset of dependency and the need for long-term
7 institutional care.