

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB437

Hearing Date: Wednesday March 12, 2025
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Riepe
One Liner: Repeal the Nebraska Health Care Certificate of Need Act

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Hardin, Ballard, Hansen, Meyer, Quick, Riepe
Nay:		
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:	1	Senator Fredrickson

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Merv Riepe
Sofia Hamilton
Britanie Brewster
Tanner Hawthorne Jones
Bo Botelho
Laura Ebke
John Gage

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Americans for Prosperity
Communities of Boyd County
Cicero Action
NE Department of Health and Human Services
Platte Institute
Americans for Prosperity

Opponents:

Korby Gilbertson
Jalene Carpenter
Aimee Middleton
John Woodrich
Christopher Lee

Representing:

Nebraska Healthcare Association
Nebraska Healthcare Association
Good Samaritan
Bryan Health, Nebraska Hospital Association
Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

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LB437 repeals the Nebraska Health Care Certificate of Need Act and enacts corresponding changes to the Nonprofit Hospital Sale Act.

Section 1.4: Revises the definition of "Person" to encompass individuals, businesses, trusts, estates, partnerships, corporations, government entities, and any other legally recognized entities.



Section 2.3: Removes the Nebraska Health Care Certificate of Need Act from the acquisition application process.
Sections 3 and 4: Repealer provisions.

Explanation of amendments:

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AM659 narrows the scope of the Certificate of Need repeal to long-term care beds (nursing homes), while retaining the Certificate of Need requirements for rehabilitation beds (rehabilitation hospitals).

Brian Hardin, Chairperson

