

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB603

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 26, 2025
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Ballard
One Liner: Change provisions relating to care management units under the Nebraska Community Aging Services Act

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

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Hardin, Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Meyer, G., Quick, Riepe
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Beau Ballard
Rod Horsley
Kiersten Reed

Representing:

Opening Presenter
NE Association of Area Agencies on Aging
Leading Age Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 603 amends two sections of the Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska relating to care management services, §§81-2234, and 81-2235. Currently under Section 81-2234, care management clients with family incomes below 300% of the federal poverty level are required to pay between zero and 90% of the fee for services received. LB 603 would make that payment voluntary, replacing "shall pay" with "may contribute," and would base any contribution on the actual cost of services rather than a set fee. Currently under Section 81-2235, the Department of Health and Human Services is authorized to reimburse care management units for costs not paid for by the individual client. In other words, the Department covers the remaining balance after the client's payment. LB 603 removes that language, meaning the Department could reimburse care management units for all costs since the individual is no longer required to pay any costs.



Brian Hardin, Chairperson



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