

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB722

Hearing Date: Friday January 30, 2026
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Quick
One Liner: Provide for use of the Behavioral Health Services Fund for individuals with substance use disorder

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

Vote Results:

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

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Dan Quick
Dr. Thomas Janousek
Patrick Kreifels

Representing:

Opening Presenter
DHHS
NE Association of Regional Administrators, NE
Association of Behavioral Health Organizations

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 722 changes the definitions of "adult with serious mental illness", and "landlord risk mitigation payment" and defines "substance use disorder".

The definition of adult with serious mental illness is changed to not include a diagnosis with a DSM v-code unless such condition exists concurrently with a diagnosable serious mental illness.

Substance use disorder is added to the definition of landlord risk mitigation payment.

Substance use disorder is defined as having the same meaning as defined in Nebraska Revised Statutes 71-430 which is a medical illness caused by repeat misuse of a substance or substances, characterized by clinically significant impairments in health, social function, and impaired control over substance use and diagnosed through assessing cognitive, behavioral, and psychological symptoms. Substance use disorders range from mild to severe



and from temporary to chronic.

The bill also replaces the term "person" with "individual" in several places.

Brian Hardin, Chairperson

