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Introducer's Statement of Intent

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Chairperson: Senator John Arch

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 02, 2022

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 752 updates 38-3205 of Nebraska Revised Statutes to clarify the practice of respiratory therapy as it exists in 2022. The statute defining respiratory care has not been updated since 1986 and many of the skills respiratory therapists provide did not exist at that time. Respiratory care means the health specialty responsible for the treatment, management, diagnostic testing and care of patients with deficiencies and abnormalities associated with the cardiopulmonary system. The scope of practice change has been fully approved by the Department of Health and Human Services 407 Committee and the State Board of Health, with no opposition.

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