

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2024**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB421**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday February 15, 2023  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Kauth  
**One Liner:** Provide procedures for directed health measures

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

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	4	Senators Ballard, Hansen, Hardin, Riepe
<b>Nay:</b>	2	Senators Cavanaugh, M., Day
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>	1	Senator Walz

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Kathleen Kauth  
David Splonskowski  
Stacey Skold

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
Self  
Self

**Opponents:**

James Lawler  
Jim Nora  
Jeremy Eschliman  
Gina Frank  
Jon Cannon  
Echo Koehler

**Representing:**

Self  
Consultants in Infections Diseases  
Friends of Public Health  
Self  
NACO  
Nebraska Nurses Association c/o Midwest Multistate  
Division

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 421 provides new duties for local boards of health and local health directors, regarding directed health measures.

LB 421 adds a duty for a city/county board of health to make recommendations to the city council or county board regarding adoption of directed health measures. Also, the city/county health director is required to advise the city/county board of health regarding measures to arrest the progress of the disease as well as issuing and enforcing directed health measures.



In addition, LB 421 adds a duty for local health directors to issue and enforce directed health measures.

Sec. 1: Adds a duty for a city/county board of health to make recommendations to the city council or county board regarding adoption of directed health measures upon the advice from the health director.

The city/county health director is required to advise the city/county board of health regarding adoption of measures to arrest the progress of the disease, and issue and enforce directed health measures upon adoption by the city council or the county board.

Sec. 2: The health director of a county, district, or city/county health department shall have the power and duty to issue and enforce directed health measures upon adoption by the city council or the county board.

Sec. 3: Repealer

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The Standing Committee Amendment, AM2201, strikes the original provisions and inserts new language.

AM2201 defines community-wide directed health measure as a public health action or intervention by a local public health department involving the total population of the jurisdiction of such local public health department when there are no known epidemiological links.

Epidemiological link is defined as an instance in which an individual may have had exposure to a communicable disease and exposure through known modes of transmission is plausible. An exposure may be considered epidemiologically linked if at least one entity in the chain of transmission is a contact or a confirmed, probable, or suspect case.

The health director (under direction/supervision of mayor) shall receive approval of community-wide directed health measures in writing prior to issuance by a majority of the publicly elected representatives of the county board and city council who are appointed to the city/county health department, and such directed health measures are required to be submitted to the city/county board of health for ratification at the next regularly scheduled meeting of such board.

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Ben Hansen, Chairperson

