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Pete Ricketts, Governor

February 3, 2017

Senator Merv Riepe  
District #12 State Capitol  
P.O. Box 94604  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4604

RE: LB 227

Senator Riepe and Members of the Health and Human Services Committee:

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is not taking a policy position on this bill. LB 227 creates a Brain Injury Council consisting of public members, the DHHS Director of the Public Health Division and the DHHS Director of the Behavioral Health Division. The Council is to provide financial oversight and technical assistance to the Department of Education in the management of the Trust Fund.

The Department of Health and Human Services works with the Department of Education in serving persons who have suffered a brain injury through various programs or activities and respectfully requests that the Directors of Behavioral Health and Public Health not be included in the Council membership. They will continue to be available to answer any questions the Council may have.

Thank you for the opportunity to share the above recommendation and we look forward to working with you in continuing our mission of helping people live better lives.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Anna Wishart