

March 18, 2015

Senator Kathy Campbell, Chair
Health and Human Services Committee
P. O. Box 94604
Lincoln, NE 68509-4604

RE: LB 548 – Adopt the Surgical Assistant Practice Act

Dear Senator Campbell and members of the Health and Human Services Committee:

As you may be aware, a technical review committee has been appointed to begin a 407 credentialing review of Surgical First Assistants and Surgical Technicians.

A 407 review evaluates any proposed change in scope of practice to determine if such change is in the public's interest and would benefit public health.

The first meeting of the committee was March 6, 2015 and public notice was given. For your information, the proposal that was received from Sidney Regional Medical Center can be viewed at the following link: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/licensure/documents/SAProposal.pdf>.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this information. I hope it is helpful as the Committee considers the bill.

Sincerely,



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