

Disability Rights Nebraska

Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities

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Dear Senators:

Disability Rights Nebraska is the designated Protection and Advocacy organization for people with disabilities in Nebraska. Our main charge is to protect and advocate for the civil and human rights of people with disabilities. As an organization that is premised on investigating and addressing the abuse, neglect, exploitation, and rights violations of people with disabilities, we fully support LB 600.

We agree that LB 600 would allow for a more accurate understanding of mental health needs and system deficits as it provides a larger pool of information from individuals who have the lived experience that will be directly necessary for effective improvements. Additionally, given the gravity of issues investigated by the Deputy Counsel for Institutions, and the impact these issues have on individuals with disabilities, these issues should have a longer time frame for review or investigation.

We recommend the legislature advance LB 600.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at your convenience:
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Sincerely,

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