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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1142

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 16, 2012

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

It is the intent of LB 1142 to promote transparency in the cost and quality of health care services. LB 1142 establishes a Health Care Data Base Advisory Committee to make recommendations regarding the creation and implementation of the Nebraska Health Care Data Base. The Nebraska Health Care Data Base shall be used to:

- Provide information to consumers and purchasers of health care;
- Determine the capacity and distribution of existing health care resources;
- Identify health care needs and inform health care policy;
- Evaluate the effectiveness of intervention programs on improving patient outcomes;
- Review costs among various treatment settings, providers, and approaches; and,
- Improve the quality and affordability of patient health care and health care coverage.

The Health Care Data Base Advisory Committee shall be appointed by the Director of Insurance, and shall include, but not be limited to:

- A member of academia with experience in health care data and cost efficiency research;
- At least one representative of health care providers;
- A representative of small employers;
- A representative of large employers;
- At least one health care consumer advocate;
- At least one representative of health insurers;
- A representative of organizations that facilitate health information exchange to improve health care for all Nebraskans; and,
- Ex Officio Members or their designees: Director of Insurance, Director of the Division of Medicaid & Long-Term Care, and the Director of Public Health.

The Director of Insurance shall report to the Governor and the Legislature the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on or before December 1, 2012.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Jeremy Nordquist