



**Ninety-Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2001**  
**Committee Statement**  
**LB 788**

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**Hearing Date:** February 22, 2001  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services

**Introducers:** (Thompson, Bromm, Coordsen, Hartnett, Jones, Kremer, Maxwell, Price, Quandahl, Raikes, Redfield, Robak, Smith, Tyson, Wickersham)  
**Title:** Adopt the Blind and Visually Impaired Services Act

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

- Advanced to General File
  - Advanced to General File with Amendments
  - X Indefinitely Postponed
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**Vote Results:**

- 5 Yes                      Senator Jensen, Byars, Suttle, Cunningham and Erdman
  - No
  - 2 Present, not voting    Senator Price and Maxwell
  - Absent
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**Proponents:**  
 Senator Nancy Thompson

**Representing:**  
 Introducer

**Opponents:**  
 Barbara Walker  
  
 Lavon Crosby  
 Steve Specher  
 Jerry Dyksterhuis  
 Pearle VanZandt

**Representing:**  
 Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired  
 Self  
 American Council of the Blind of Nebraska  
 Self  
 Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired  
 National Federation of Blind , Nebraska  
 Self

Mike Floyd  
 Amy Eidenmiller

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:** The bill transfers the powers and duties of Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired to the Department of Health and Human Services. The Commission was created with the enactment of LB 352 in 2000. Previous to the enactment of LB 352, services for the blind and visually impaired were provided through the department.

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**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

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**Senator Jim Jensen, Chairperson**