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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB268

Chairperson: Senator Heath Mello

Committee: Appropriations

Date of Hearing:

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

LB 268 enacts the recommended option proposed by the UMMELGROUP report to improve NFOCUS, the data information and management system for Nebraska child welfare, by incorporating web-base technologies and eliminate dependence on mainframe computers.

The bill requires the IT upgrade to be SACWIS, Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System, compliant. SACWIS is the federal government program to encourage states to adopt comprehensive and integrated automated systems to manage various functions of child welfare service management.

LB 268 requires the department and the Chief Information Officer of Nebraska to adopt a strategic plan and schedule for the N-FOCUS upgrade. The plan shall meet the "Implementation Advance Planning Document" for managing the design, development and operation of a SACWIS System to meet federal requirements for enhanced federal funding.

Finally on or before December 31, 2013, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Administrative Services shall develop a Request for Proposal and award the contract for the first stages of the upgrade of the N-FOCUS system and file the required federal Implementation Advance Planning Document to initiate the NFOCUS upgrade.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Kathy Campbell