

One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB269

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 31, 2013

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

The intent of LB 269 is to address child welfare issues revealed by reports and studies completed as a result of child welfare legislation enacted last session and the LR 37 study conducted by the Health and Human Services Committee. Changes under the bill include adding the Director of the Foster Care Review Office and the Inspector General of Child Welfare as members of the Nebraska Children's Commission; employing a child welfare policy researcher to support the Commission's work; and relocating the Children's Commission's office. Additionally, the bill aligns requirements for court reports, foster care maintenance costs, case manager training and foster care licensing to increase Nebraska's Title IV-E funding opportunities. Finally, LB 269 initiates policies regarding child welfare contractors to strengthen financial stability and increase options for services to children and families.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Kathy Campbell