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Introducer's Statement of Intent

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Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 19, 2016

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

LB1034 is intended to update the statutes authorizing the Nebraska Children's Commission and extend the Commission through June 30, 2019.

The Commission was created in 2012 after serious problems with the child welfare system led the Legislature to restructure the goals of the child welfare system and require more oversight and accountability. The Nebraska Children's Commission has been very successful at bringing together stakeholders, monitoring, and making recommendations in the child welfare system.

After 4 years of operation, it is necessary to extend the Children's Commission or it will terminate June 30, 2016. The bill also updates the duties of the commission to include juvenile justice youth.

Principal Introducer:	
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	Senator Kathy Campbel