

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB287

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: March 06, 2015

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

LB 287 was introduced on behalf of the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to expand licensure requirements for community sign language interpreters.

Currently not all community interpreters are licensed. For unlicensed interpreters there is no regulatory control to monitor and address proficiency and competency issues.

In addition, LB 287 is asking to license Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) providers for the State of Nebraska. LB 287 guarantees that all Nebraskans receiving sign language interpreting services will obtain a higher standard of communication access.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Ken Haar