## One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

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Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing:
The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:
Legislative Bill 979 updates Nebraska Statutes to allow for the substitution of biologic products only with FDA approved interchangeable biologics. Current state law governs the substitution by pharmacists of generic drugs for their branded counterparts, and similar statutory direction is needed to craft state policy allowing for the substitution of FDA approved interchangeable biologics.

Senator John Kuehn

Principal Introducer: