## One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

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

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**Chairperson: Senator Merv Riepe** 

**Committee: Health and Human Services** 

Date of Hearing: February 02, 2017

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

LB481 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 construct state policy allowing for the substitution of FDA approved interchangeable biologics.

| Principal Introducer: |                    |
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| -                     | Senator John Kuehn |