

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2021**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)**  
**LB306**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday January 29, 2021  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Brandt  
**One Liner:** Provide eligibility requirements for the low-income home energy assistance program

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 5 Senators Cavanaugh, M., Day, Hansen, B., Walz, Williams  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:** 2 Senators Arch, Murman

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Tom Brandt  
Britton Gabel

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Omaha Public Power District, Nebraska Power Association

**Opponents:**

Stephanie Beasley

**Representing:**

Department of Health and Human Services Division of  
Children and Family Services

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

**Submitted Written Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Jill Becker  
Eric Reiter  
Diane Amdor

**Representing:**

Black Hills Energy  
Food Bank of Lincoln, Food Bank of the Heartland  
Nebraska Appleseed

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 306 adds a new section of law to provide eligibility requirements for the low-income home energy assistance program [LIHEAP].

Under current Department of Health and Human Services [DHHS] regulations, income eligibility for LIHEAP assistance is set at 130% of the federal poverty level. LB 306 provides that DHHS shall apply a household total annual income level of

150% of the federal poverty level for the purpose of determining eligibility. [Sec. 1, page 2, lines 1-8].

Additionally, LB 306 would require DHHS to annually allocate at least 10% of available LIHEAP funds to weatherization assistance for eligible households. [Sec. 2, page 2, lines 9-14].

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John Arch, Chairperson