



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 178**

Hearing Date: January 18, 2007
Committee On: Health and Human Services

Introducer(s): (Janssen)
Title: Create the Nebraska Women, Infants, and Children Program Advisory Board

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

- Advanced to General File
 - Advanced to General File with Amendments
 - X Indefinitely Postponed
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Vote Results:

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| 5 | Yes | Senators Johnson, Erdman, Gay, Pankonin, Stuthman |
| 2 | No | Senators Hansen, Howard |
| | Present, not voting | |
| | Absent | |
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Proponents:
Senator Janssen
Kathy Siefken

Representing:
Introducer
Nebraska Grocers Association

Opponents:
Bob Vanvalkenberg

Representing:
Self

Neutral:
Marcia Wallen

Representing:
Nebraska Association of WIC Agencies

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 178 creates the Nebraska Women, Infants, and Children Program Advisory Board. The board would consist of 17 members appointed by the Governor with the approval of the Legislature, as follows:

- (1) 2 wholesalers of authorized WIC products;
 - (2) 2 manufacturers of authorized WIC products;
 - (3) 5 grocery store representatives;
 - (4) the director of a statewide grocers association;
 - (5) 2 recipients of supplemental nutrition and services from the state WIC program;
 - (6) 1 representative of a specialty retailer (i.e. a pharmacy or state-WIC-program-only retailer);
 - (7) 2 representatives of groups which advocate for recipients of supplemental nutrition and services from the state WIC program;
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- (8) 1 local director or coordinator for the state WIC program; and
- (9) the state director of the state WIC program.

The board is required to meet at least twice annually to review the status of the state WIC program. The board is required to issue an annual report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature. The Nebraska Health and Human Services System is required to provide staff support to the board and produce and distribute the annual report.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Joel Johnson, Chairperson