



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
Committee Statement  
LB 480**

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**Hearing Date:** February 23, 2007  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services

**Introducer(s):** (Johnson)  
**Title:** Change provisions relating to the Nebraska Health Care Funding Act

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

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

7	Yes	Senator(s): Johnson, Erdman, Hansen, Howard, Gay, Pankonin, Stuthman
	No	
	Present, not voting	
	Absent	

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**Proponents:**  
Senator Joel Johnson

**Representing:**  
Introducer

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**  
Walt Radcliffe

**Representing:**  
Nebraska Medical Center, the University of Nebraska and Boys Town National Research Hospital

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

LB 480 is a reintroduction of LB 548 (2005) and LB 952 (2006). The bill changes provisions of the Nebraska Health Care Funding Act (sections 71-7605 to 71-7614) and outright repeals obsolete sections.

The bill amends section 71-7611 to delete obsolete provisions and require that transfers to the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund from the Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund and the Nebraska Medicaid Intergovernmental Trust Fund (\$52 million annually) be offset by the amount of the unobligated balance in the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund at the time the transfer is made. The bill also limits to \$52 million the amount that may be appropriated or transferred from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund in any fiscal year.

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The bill has an operative date of July 15, 2007 with the emergency clause. The bill outright repeals the following sections: 71-7601 to 71-7604, 71-7609, 71-7610, and 71-7614.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

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**Senator Joel Johnson, Chairperson**