



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Committee Statement
LB 90

Hearing Date: January 17, 2007

Committee On: Health and Human Services

Introducer(s): (Howard, 9)

Title: Change the earned income disregard in the Welfare Reform Act

Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File

Advanced to General File with Amendments

X Indefinitely Postponed

Vote Results:

6	Yes	Senator Johnson, Gay, Stuthman, Erdman, Pankonin, Hansen
1	No	Senator Howard
	Present, not voting	
	Absent	

Proponents:

Senator Howard
Jennifer Hernandez

Terry Werner

Sarah Ann Lewis
Susan Hale

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public
Interest
National Association of Social Workers,
Nebraska Chapter
Voices for Children in Nebraska
Center for People in Need

Opponents:

Chris Peterson

Representing:

Health and Human Services System

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes: LB 90 changes eligibility qualifications under the Welfare Reform Act. The bill amends sections 68-1713 and 68-1726 to increase the “earned income disregard” from 20% to 50% of gross earnings in the Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) (the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF) program. The effect of LB 90 would be to make more families eligible for ADC/TANF cash assistance, and permit some of those who are already eligible under the current disregard to remain eligible for a longer period.

Explanation of amendments, if any:

Senator Joel Johnson, Chairperson