

**ONE HUNDREDTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION -  
2008**

**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**

**LB906**

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**Hearing Date:** February 06, 2008

**Committee On:** Health and Human Services

**Introducer(s):** (Pankonin)

**Title:** Change provisions relating to laboratories regulated by the Department of Health and Human Services

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

Placed on General File

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**Vote Results:**

5 Yes	Senators Erdman, Gay, Howard, Pankonin, Stuthman
1 No	Senators Hansen
1 Absent	Senators Johnson
0 Present, not voting	

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**Proponents:**  
Joseph Acierno

**Representing:**  
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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

LB 906 changes fees that may be charged by the Department of Health and Human Services (department) for the certification and inspection of laboratories contacting with the department to conduct drinking water analyses.

The department is currently permitted to collect the following maximum annual fees: (1) for bacteriological examination agreements: \$150; (2) for inorganic chemical analyses agreements: \$100; (3) for heavy metal analyses agreements: \$200; (4) for organic chemical analyses agreements: \$200; and (5) for radiochemical analyses agreements: \$200.

LB 906 replaces the foregoing with the following laboratory certification fees: (1) an annual fee of no more than \$1,800 per laboratory, and (2) an inspection fee of no more than \$3,000 per certification period for each laboratory located in Nebraska.

Fees collected will be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the Health and Human Services Cash Fund.

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

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Senator Joel Johnson, Chairperson