



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 1029

Chairperson: Joel Johnson
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: February 13, 2008

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 1029 amends section 68-1206 to require the Department of Health and Human Services to contract with other social agencies providing foster care services. LB 1029 is designed to improve efficiency and management oversight within Nebraska's foster care system. Presently, the department contracts with such agencies in approximately forty percent of its cases – those which are considered most difficult. As private social agencies have been shown to provide services in an efficient manner, it follows that the efficiency of the system would be improved by a greater incidence of the department contracting with private social agencies. LB 1029 increases the ability of the department to manage cases handled by private agencies, creating greater accountability throughout the foster care system.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Tony Fulton