

Chairperson:Joel JohnsonCommittee:Health and Human ServicesDate of Hearing:February 20, 2008

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

LB 1169 creates an assistance program for Nebraska veterans of the Gulf War, the Afghanistan conflict, and the current war in Iraq who have sustained post-acute brain injuries. These types of injuries are becoming more and more common as a result of the improvised explosive devices used by insurgents. Currently, some soldiers, National Guard & Reservists called to combat who suffer from these types of injuries aren't provided with the treatment necessary to best cope with their disabilities by the federal TRICARE program.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Tom White