



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 144**

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**Chairperson:** Joel Johnson  
**Committee:** Health and Human Services  
**Date of Hearing:** January 31, 2007

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

LB 144 creates the Hepatitis C Education and Prevention Act and provides for the creation of a task force comprised of individuals with a broad-based knowledge of the Hepatitis C epidemic in Nebraska.

The Hepatitis C Education and Prevention Task Force is directed to develop a comprehensive strategic plan which shall include, but not be limited to, promotion of public awareness and education, development of education opportunities targeting health care professionals, development of collaborative strategies to address the needs of persons at risk, and evaluation of funding sources in Nebraska to address the epidemic of Hepatitis C.

The Hepatitis C Education and Prevention Task Force is directed to report on its activities and recommendations for policies and potential legislation to the Governor and the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature by December 31, 2007.

LB 144 contains an emergency clause to provide the Task Force with adequate time to carry out its assigned responsibilities.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Vickie D. McDonald**