



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 326

Chairperson: Joel Johnson
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: January 25, 2007

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

LB 326, introduced by the Speaker at the request of the Governor, is part of the Governor's biennial budget recommendations.

The bill eliminates the coverage of services for Legal Permanent Resident Aliens who have entered the country after August, 1996 and have not been in the United States for a minimum of five years. The Federal "Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996" eliminated federal funding for these types of aliens until they have been present in the United States for five years. The Nebraska Legislature enacted legislation (LB 864, 1997) that extended benefits to these persons with State General Fund dollars since federal funds were prohibited.

The bill also eliminates state-funded food stamp assistance for non-United-States citizens. Specifically, Sec. 68-1070 (1)(b)(2) is stricken as well as the food stamp program reference in Sec. 68-1070(1).

Principal Introducer:

Senator Mike Flood
At the request of the Governor