



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 480

Chairperson: Joel Johnson
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: February 23, 2007

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

LB 480 is a reintroduction of LB 548 (2005) and LB 952 (2006). The bill changes provisions of the Nebraska Health Care Funding Act (sections 71-7605 to 71-7614) and outright repeals obsolete sections.

The bill amends section 71-7611 to delete obsolete provisions and require that transfers to the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund from the Nebraska Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund and the Nebraska Medicaid Intergovernmental Trust Fund (\$52 million annually) be offset by the amount of the unobligated balance in the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund at the time the transfer is made. The bill also limits to \$52 million the amount that may be appropriated or transferred from the Nebraska Health Care Cash Fund in any fiscal year.

The bill has an operative date of July 15, 2007 with the emergency clause. The bill outright repeals the following sections: 71-7601 to 71-7604, 71-7609, 71-7610, and 71-7614.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Joel T. Johnson