



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 610**

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**Chairperson:** Joel Johnson  
**Committee:** Health and Human Services  
**Date of Hearing:** February 22, 2007

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

LB 610 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop written policies or administrative regulations regarding the transfer and discharge of sex offenders treated in the program. It identifies the general contents of the policies or regulations. Additionally, LB 610 requires specific types of documentation to be kept in the offenders' medical records.

LB 610 was introduced by the Legislative Performance Audit Committee as a follow-up to its August 2006 report, "The Lincoln Regional Center's Sex Offender Services Program." In its report, the Committee recommended that legislation be introduced to require the Department of Health and Human Services Sex Offender Services Program to "develop, maintain, and adhere to written policies or administrative regulations governing the transfer and discharge of sex offenders treated in the program." The Committee found that although the program had written policies regarding the transfer and discharge of sex offenders at the time of the performance audit, the policies needed to be clarified and documentation of transfer and discharge needed to be formalized.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**DiAnna R. Schimek, Chairperson**  
**Committee on Legislative Performance Audit**