

# ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010

## COMMITTEE STATEMENT

### LB319

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday February 18, 2009  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Speaker Flood  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to child care reimbursement

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Indefinitely postponed

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 7 Senators Campbell, Gay, Gloor, Howard, Pankonin, Stuthman, Wallman  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**

Speaker Flood  
Todd Landry

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Department of Health and Human Services

**Opponents:**

Chris Bruner  
Sarah Ann Lewis  
Kate Bolz  
Tiffany Seibert  
Carly Luedtke  
Jim Blue

**Representing:**

Self  
Building Bright Futures  
Nebraska Appleseed  
Voices for Children in Nebraska  
Cedars  
Children and Families Coalition of Nebraska

**Neutral:**

Jennifer Hernandez

**Representing:**

Nebraska Children and Families Foundation

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 319 changes provisions relating to the child care reimbursement rate paid by the Department of Health and Human Services (department). Current law (section 43-536) requires the department to conduct a market rate survey of child care providers in the state and adjust its child care reimbursement rate every odd-numbered year at a rate not less than the 60th percentile nor greater than the 75th percentile of the current survey. LB 319 reduces the lowest child care reimbursement rate that may be paid by the department from the 60th to the 50th percentile of the current market rate survey.

For two fiscal years, beginning July 1, 2003, current law (section 43-536) permitted the department's child care reimbursement rate to be less than the 60th percentile of the current survey, but not less than the rate for the immediately preceding fiscal year. LB 319 removes this obsolete exception.

The bill has an operative date of July 1, 2009, and contains an emergency clause.

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Tim Gay, Chairperson