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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 116

Chairperson: Bill Avery
Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs
Date of Hearing: January 28, 2009

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

LB 116 considers volunteer firefighters, emergency responders, and rescue personnel to be state employees for the purpose of purchasing State of Nebraska health insurance. The qualifying volunteers are responsible for paying 100% of the employer's portion of the health insurance policy and 100% of the employee's portion.

Emergency volunteers provide essential services at times of need to our citizens statewide. A shortage of emergency personnel exists in many areas, and extending eligibility of state health insurance to volunteer personnel is an incentive to encourage capable individuals to volunteer.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Deb Fischer