



One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 136

Chairperson: Tim Gay
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: February 25, 2009

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

LB 136 makes necessary improvements to Nebraska's State Childrens' Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), referred to as Kids Connection, in order to provide health care to more of our state's low-income children.

LB 136 increases income eligibility for Nebraska families with children under 19 years of age from 185% to 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL).

LB 136 provides for twelve (12) months of continuous eligibility when the child enrolls in the program.

Finally, LB 136 increases enrollment and outreach efforts.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Bill Avery