

Chairperson:	Tim Gay
Committee:	Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing:	February 18, 2009

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

LB 172 creates the State Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Cash Fund. The bill calls for all recoveries for the state's costs and attorney's fees received pursuant to the False Medicaid Claims Act to be credited to the fund. The fund shall be maintained by the State Department of Justice and administered by the Attorney General.

Money from the fund shall be used to pay the salaries and related expenses of the Department of Justice for the state medicaid fraud control unit. Any money in the fund available for investment shall be invested pursuant to the Nebraska Capital Expansion Act and the Nebraska State Funds Investment Act.

The bill provides for a one-time transfer on July 9, 2009 of \$215,000 from the Health and Human Services Cash Fund to the State Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Cash Fund.

LB 172 has an emergency clause.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Tim Gay