

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB468**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday February 03, 2011  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Campbell  
**One Liner:** Change reporting provisions relating to the medical assistance program

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 5 Senators Gloor, Krist, Bloomfield, Campbell, Wallman  
**Nay:** 2 Senators Cook, Howard  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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<b>Proponents:</b> Michelle Chaffee Vivianne Chaumont	<b>Representing:</b> LB 468 introducer Senator Kathy Campbell, District #25 Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Medicaid and Long-term Care
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<b>Opponents:</b> Mary Angus Kathy Hoell	<b>Representing:</b> ADAPT NE The Arc of Nebraska
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<b>Neutral:</b> Rebecca Gould	<b>Representing:</b> Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest
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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 468 amends Section 68-909 and changes the provision relating to when the Department of Health and Human Services is required to provide a report to the Governor, the Legislature, and the Medicaid Reform Council that summarizes proposed rules and regulations the Department intends to adopt. The bill changes the required date to December 1, 2011; and before each December 1, thereafter.

The Governor's budget proposal includes a savings of \$609,000 over two years by allowing additional co-payments or an increase in co-payments for certain Medicaid services. This bill will facilitate this process by allowing the Department to implement co-pays for goods and services for fiscal year 2011-12.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The Amendment clarifies the language in LB 468 by fulfilling the intent of LB 468 to specifically allow Medicaid co-payments to be changed and exempts the notice requirement for changing the co-payments for this year to facilitate the implementation of the Governor's budget. Additionally, the Amendment maintains the Medicaid process and reporting date requirements currently in statue.

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Kathy Campbell, Chairperson