

**One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB111**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: January 19, 2011**

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

This bill will broaden the pool of professionals eligible to serve on county Mental Health Boards to include the over 400 Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioners (LIMHP) in Nebraska who are qualified to diagnose and treat major mental disorders. In rural areas of Nebraska where mental health resources are scarce, Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioners are a vital component of the mental health network and are needed to fill county mental health board positions and to ensure consumer needs are adequately served by the mental health commitment board.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Mike Gloor