

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

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB431**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 04, 2011**

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

The bill revises and updates the laws governing the medical peer review process.

Nebraska's hospital peer review law was enacted in 1971 and a separate law governing peer review in outpatient settings was enacted in 1997. LB 431 would replace these two laws with a single, comprehensive peer review law. The bill defines the health care providers who may conduct peer review, the activities which constitute peer review, and the types of committees that can conduct peer review.

The bill retains the current confidentiality protections for persons who participate in the peer review process and the work-product which is created through peer review. The bill also provides that it does not prevent the discovery in civil actions of patients' medical records, documents or information kept in the ordinary course of business.

Original provisions of current statutes are repealed.

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

**Senator Galen Hadley**