

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

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB651**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 16, 2011**

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

Legislative Bill 651 would add a new section to the Foster Care Review Act. The bill would require the Foster Care Review Board to oversee a third-party program audit of the foster care system in Nebraska and a survey of the relevant parties involved in foster care.

The bill requires that such program audit and survey be done every year for five consecutive years. This would provide data and trend lines to identify problems, and provide a picture of the effectiveness of the current reform to privatize Nebraska's foster care system.

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

**Senator Mark Christensen**