

# **One Hundred Second Legislature - Second Session - 2012**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB891**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: January 25, 2012**

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

It is the intent of LB 891 to allow individuals with HIV to access medical care through the Medicaid program before becoming disabled due to HIV/AIDS.

LB 891 would expand Medicaid eligibility to individuals infected with HIV who are at or below 100% of the federal poverty level and not otherwise eligible for the Medicaid program.

LB 891 requires the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to pursue a waiver for a demonstration project, as allowed under section 1115 of title XIX of the federal Social Security Act. The expansion of Medicaid coverage to HIV-infected individuals, as provided in LB 891, shall not occur unless the section 1115 waiver is approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and federal financial participation is secured for such medical assistance.

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

**Senator Jeremy Nordquist**