

# One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

**LR37**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: January 28, 2011**

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

The Legislative Resolution resolves that the Health and Human Services Committee: Review, investigate and assess the effect of the child welfare reform initiative.

Consult with a broad array of public and private stakeholders.

Utilize existing and past studies, reports, and information relating to the effort to improve the child welfare system.

Hold public hearings on the implementation of child welfare reform utilizing the authority provided by section 50-406 and the rules of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature.

Consider issues surrounding the implementation of the child welfare reform including, but not limited to the goals, outcome measures, coordination, and long-term planning; effectiveness of public-private partnership to provide services; number of children attaining permanency through adoption; accountability, funding, and financial sustainability; fulfillment of the federal Child and Family Service Review outcomes and indicators; and the option of requesting the Legislative Performance Audit Committee and the Auditor of Public Accounts to conduct a joint performance and fiscal audit or separate audits of child welfare reforms.

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

**Senator**