

# **One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013**

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

**LB347**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 27, 2013**

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

If the Medicaid expansion as authorized in the Affordable Care Act is authorized in Nebraska, LB 347 will create a moratorium on building of certain healthcare facilities for a three-year period.

The Medicaid expansion will bring an estimated 100,000 newly covered clients onto the Medicaid rolls in Nebraska increasing demand for healthcare services. This demand may encourage building and expansion of healthcare facilities that will create long term capital expenses that will push the inflationary spiral of health care costs up unnecessarily.

A three-year moratorium will give enough time for healthcare reform to be established, unintended consequences to come to light, and for careful planning and sustainable growth for the health care systems of Nebraska. The intent is to allow time for building projects currently in process to be finished before the moratorium begins.

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

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