

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

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB526**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: March 21, 2013**

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

LB 526 and LB 527 together would expand the scope of practice authorized for licensed optometrists in Nebraska by authorizing optometrists who have in each instance completed the required training and demonstrated the necessary skills to inject pharmaceutical agents for certain therapeutic purposes into the eyelid; perform minor surgical procedures on the eyelid and ocular adnexa, and; to prescribe oral steroids, oral antiglaucoma, and anti immunosuppressive agents.

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

**Senator Sara Howard**