

One Hundred Third Legislature - Second Session - 2014

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB898

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 06, 2014

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

LB 898 would change reporting requirements for the Department of Health and Human Services relating to the ACCESSNebraska program. It would move into statute the existing reporting requirements contained in the 2011 appropriations bill, LB 374. The bill also contains new reporting requirements, including that call wait time data must be reported by queue, each of which handles a different type of eligibility question. Other reporting requirements relate to call abandonment rates, number of busy signals, and number of pending work tasks, all of which would be reported for both the Medicaid and economic assistance programs. The bill also requires reports on the numbers of staff and vacancies relating to the ACCESSNebraska program.

The bill was introduced to implement recommendations of the Legislative Performance Audit Committee in its 2013 performance audit report on ACCESSNebraska.

Principal Introducer: _____

**Senator John Harms, Chairperson
Legislative Performance Audit Committee**