## **One Hundred Third Legislature - Second Session - 2014**

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

## LB916

**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell** 

**Committee: Health and Human Services** 

Date of Hearing: January 31, 2014

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

LB 916 provides for the removal of the integrated practice agreement to bring the Nurse Practitioner Practice Act in line with the future of collaborative models of health care to achieve the best safety and wellness outcomes for all Nebraska patients.

Nurse practitioners are a vital member of the health care provider continuum and function in numerous specialty and general practice roles. The passage of LB916 would help address the primary care and mental health shortages in rural and urban areas, as well as increase the retention and recruitment of nurse practitioners in Nebraska.

Principal Introducer:

**Senator Sue Crawford**