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Introducer's Statement of Intent

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Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: March 20, 2013

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

That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature, in cooperation with the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature, be designated to convene a Partnership Towards Nebraska's Health Care System Transformation (Partnership).

The committees shall form the Partnership by bringing together policymakers and partner stakeholders at all levels, including state and local governments, public and private insurers, health care delivery organizations, employers, specialty societies, consumer groups, patients, consumers, and all other interested parties, to work together with the shared objectives of controlling health care costs and improving health care quality.

The goals of the Partnership are to:

- a. Provide a comprehensive review of Nebraska's health care delivery, cost, and coverage demands;
- b. Engage partners in dialogue, roundtable discussions, and public policy discourse;
- c. Develop a framework for health care system transformation to meet public health, workforce, delivery, and budgetary responsibilities; and
- d. Develop cooperative strategies and initiatives for the design, implementation, and accountability of services to improve care, quality, and value while advancing the overall health of Nebraskans.

The Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature may conduct public hearings and, with the Banking, Commerce and Insurance Committee of the Legislature, shall guide the Partnership as it undertakes communication, outreach, and educational activities to convey lessons learned and to make recommendations relating to health care for Nebraskans.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Kathy Campbell