

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB196

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 20, 2015

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

LB 196 is intended to amend the Rural Health Systems and Professional Incentive Act by creating a resident loan repayment program which will serve as an incentive to medical residents to practice their specialties in designated shortage areas in Nebraska. The bill provides requirements for eligibility for the loan repayment program, requires an agreement between loan recipients and the state, sets out the elements of the agreement, establishes penalties for recipients who fail to fulfill their obligations under the agreement, and limits amounts that may be provided to recipients; those amounts vary depending upon the specialty areas of loan recipients. LB 196 is also intended to increase limits on the amounts of financial assistance available under two existing programs, and to add and clarify definitions under the Act.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Kathy Campbell