

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB430

Chairperson: Senator Heath Mello

Committee: Appropriations

Date of Hearing: January 30, 2015

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

The purpose of LB 430 is to correct an error in the appropriation for the Nebraska Children's Commission. The Nebraska Children's Commission was initially located in the Department of Health and Services. LB 269 (2013) moved the Commission to the Foster Care Review Office. Part of the appropriation, \$94,000, was inadvertently left in the DHHS budget.

LB 430 reduces funding for Program 353 in the Department of Health and Human Services by \$94,000. The same amount is then appropriated to Program 353 in the Foster Care Review Office. No new funding is appropriated.

AM 242 addresses an issue discovered after LB 430 was advanced to Select File. The amendment transfers \$7,000,000 of unexpended General Funds in the Department of Health and Human Services from Program 347 - Public assistance, to Program 354 - Child Welfare Aid. This transfer within the Department of Health and Human Services is necessary to cover a shortfall of funding in Child Welfare. No new funding is appropriated.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Heath Mello