

# **One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016**

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

### **LB698**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: January 21, 2016**

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

LB 698 would create the Home Care Consumer Bill of Rights and would seek to protect the rights of individuals who receive in home personal care services.

The Home Care Consumer Bill of Rights came as a recommendation of the Legislature's Aging Nebraskans Task Force and ensures the consumer's right to participate in the approval of services and any changes to service, the right to refuse service, information on rights and responsibilities in the agreement between the consumer and the provider of services, freedom of choice of service providers, and freedom from exploitation.

Companies or individuals found not providing the information required by LB 698 to consumers receiving in home personal care services would be in violation of the Home Care Consumer Bill of Rights, and would be subject to a civil penalty of \$100 up to \$1000 for each violation.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Heath Mello