

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

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB706**

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**Chairperson: Senator Jim Scheer**

**Committee: Banking, Commerce and Insurance**

**Date of Hearing: February 9, 2016**

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

LB706 is a bill relating to insurance that would change the definition of habilitative services to include applied behavior analysis in Nebraska Statute Chapter 44.

Nebraska's 2017 benchmark plan specifically excludes coverage for applied behavior analysis and lists ABA as a service that is not habilitative. LB706 defines habilitative services for purposes of Nebraska's Essential Health Benefits as "health care services that help a person keep, learn, or improve skills and functioning for daily living, including applied behavior analysis."

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

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