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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB895

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 4, 2016

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

LB895 requires the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Developmental Disabilities to develop a plan and report regarding Beatrice State Development Services (BSDC) and the Bridges Program in Hastings.

LB895 requires the DHHS to include several elements in their comprehensive plan. First, the department will conduct an analysis of BSDC and Bridges and their needs and the ability to serve them in the community and the continuum of services offered to persons with developmental disabilities. The plan shall take into consideration the preferences of the residents at BSDC and Bridges and nationwide trends in similar facilities. The plan will also include the cost efficiency of services provided at BSDC and Bridges, an analysis of the facilities, and the long term structural needs of those facilities at BSDC and Bridges. The report will examine census trends and future needs for services and the level of community integration for residents of BSDC and Bridges.

LB895 requires DHHS to analyze the United States Supreme Court decision in *Olmstead v L.C.*, and provide an analysis of Nebraska's compliance with that decision. Public hearings will be conducted to receive input from interested stakeholders, the public, and the families of individuals residing in BSDC and Bridges.

LB895 requests a report from DHHS with all these elements to be submitted on or before November 15, 2016.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Colby Coash