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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB287

Chairperson: Senator Merv Riepe

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 10, 2017

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

LB 287 eliminates the need for duplication of storage of certain data collected by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Nebraska's Child Death Review Team within the Department of Health and Human Services currently has an ongoing, no-cost agreement with the Michigan Public Health Institute to store within a secure multi-state database data about each death that the team reviews. Interpretation of current state statute allows only deidentified data to be stored in this database. Thus the state also stores in-house the same data with identifiers so that it can update the records as more information is gathered in the review process. LB 287 would eliminate the necessity for this duplication of data storage by allowing the storage of data with identifiers in an offsite electronic database with appropriate safeguards and privacy protections.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Anna Wishart