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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB903

Chairperson: Senator Merv Riepe

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 01, 2018

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

LB 903 is proposed legislation to bring Nebraska statutes in line with federal requirements for the long-term care ombudsman. This bill will ensure the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is in compliance with federal law regarding the program and federal requirements regarding matching dollars. The statutory changes necessary to be in compliance include using the word "office" rather than "department" when referring to the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program Office, adding language about auxiliary aids and services for communication, and restricting access to Ombudsman files. To fix the issue with local matching funds, this bill will eliminate two words- "and fees" from 81-2225.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Lou Ann Linehan