

**One Hundred Fifth Legislature - Second Session - 2018**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB956**

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**Chairperson: Senator Merv Riepe**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 14, 2018**

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

LB 956 instructs the Department of Health and Human Services to apply to the federal Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services for a wavier to the Nebraska medicaid state plan under section 1115 of the Social Security Act. Such waiver would state that any resident of the State of Nebraska would be allowed to purchase health care coverage through the medical assistance program.

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

Senator Sara Howard