

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB15

Chairperson: Senator Matt Williams

Committee: Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Date of Hearing: March 04, 2019

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

LB15 creates the Children of Nebraska Hearing Aid Act. This act would allow any child under the age of 19 that needs a hearing aid to have it paid for through their insurance plan as long as the benefits paid for the hearing aid during the previous 48-months has not exceeded three thousand dollars.

In addition to the hearing aid, a child's insurance plan will be required to pay for the device, evaluation for the hearing aid, fitting, programming, microphone measurements, repairs, ear mold impressions, and auditory rehabilitation and training.

An insurance company will be exempt from the act if the company can show the cost of coverage will exceed one percent of premiums collected.

Small business group health plans, as defined under 44-5260 will be exempt from this act as well.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Carol Blood