

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB631

Chairperson: Senator Mike Hilgers

Committee: Executive Board

Date of Hearing: February 22, 2019

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

Nebraskans voted to expand Medicaid in November of 2018. LB 631 was introduced in response to the wishes of Nebraskans and creates the Medicaid Implementation Task Force whose purpose is to provide oversight and facilitation of the expansion of Medicaid to include eligibility for adults between the ages of nineteen and sixty-four years of age whose incomes are one hundred and thirty-eight percent of the federal poverty level.

The task force shall consist of six voting members: The chairperson of the Health and Human Services or his or her designee; the chairperson of the Appropriations Committee of his or her designee, the chairperson of the Judiciary Committee or his or her designee, and three members of the Legislature chosen by the Executive Board.

The task force will also include seven nonvoting members chosen by the Executive Board and shall include a health care provider licensed under the Uniform Credentialing Act, a behavioral health care provider licensed under the Uniform Credentialing Act, a health care care consumer or advocate, and a representatives from a hospital, a business, a rural health care provider and a representative of a political subdivision likely to have its constituency impacted by a medicaid expansion.

The task force will hold public meetings - at least one in each congressional district, and will request and analyze information needed to do its work.

The task force shall issue a report of its findings or recommendations if any by December 1 of each year, beginning December 1, 2019. The task force shall terminate on December 31, 2020 unless reauthorized by the Legislature.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Adam Morfeld