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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB14

Chairperson: Senator John Arch

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 27, 2021

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

LB14 amends 38-513, 38-515, 38-518, 38-1509, and 38-520 in order to create the Audiology and Speech Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

This compact means that any Audiologist or Speech-Language Pathologist with a license to practice in their home state could travel to a member state of the compact and practice their trade using what is known as a compact privilege without having to test or get a separate license in that remote state.

The compact has to do with mobility and ease of practice. It also means additional benefits such as a reduction in paperwork, reduction in costs and streamlining requirements and the process. For Licensing boards, it means access to the Compact database, access to an online processing system, member state fee guidance and the member state requirements checklist.

LB14 also provides a method to make sure that those covered by the compact who are practicing with the compact privileges in the state of Nebraska are abiding by the laws of this state and the terms of their license using that database.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Carol Blood