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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB494

Chairperson: Senator John Arch

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 19, 2021

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

LB 494 would authorize the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to apply for grants to states from the United States Department of Health and Human Services under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Public Law 116-260 and to establish and maintain a database to publish claims and payment information from health insurers, known as an all payer claims database. Upon obtaining such federal grant money the Department, in conjunction with the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Public Health, would plan, establish, and maintain the database of claims and payment information from health insurers.

The goals of such database is to analyze variations in health care costs and quality, utilization, and illness burden based on geographical areas or populations; to support quality improvement efforts and to compare provider performance; and to promote accountability for state medicaid contracts to assure the effectiveness of managed care, providing an objective way for the state to monitor the performance of medicaid-managed care or value-based contractors.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Machaela Cavanaugh