

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB541

Chairperson: Senator John Arch

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 29, 2021

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

LB541 would adopt the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee's Treatment Family Care and Specialized level of care recommendations. Directs the Division of Children and Family Services and the Division of Medicaid and Long Term Care of the Department of Health and Human Services to implement Treatment Family Care services as outlined in the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee report dated June 22, 2020. Requires the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt a Specialized level of caregiving for foster parents and foster care agencies, as prescribed in the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee report dated June 22, 2020. The changes in LB541 will expand and standardize caregiving levels and treatment options for Nebraska's highest needs youth in out of home care.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Lynne Walz