

# **One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB26**

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**Chairperson: Senator Carolyn Bosn**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: January 23, 2025**

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

Current statute has increased penalties for assault on a health care provider while the health care provider is on duty at the hospital or health clinic. Currently, the health care provider definition is limited to a physician or other health care practitioner licensed, certified, or registered to perform health services. The purpose of this bill is to expand the definition of health care professional in Neb. Rev. Stat. 28-929.01 to include any employee of a hospital or health clinic.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Beau Ballard**