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

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

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**Chairperson: Senator Brian Hardin** 

**Committee: Health and Human Services** 

Date of Hearing: January 23, 2025

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

LB71 increases the tiered child care subsidy reimbursement rates available to early care and education providers who are participating in Step Up to Quality, the state's quality rating improvement system for early childhood programs. The bill would change the starting level at which tiered reimbursement begins from step three to step two in Step Up to Quality.

Principal Introducer:	
•	Senator Wendy DeRoer