



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 71

Chairperson: Lavon Heidemann
Committee: Appropriations
Date of Hearing: February 27, 2007

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

LB 71 would appropriate General Funds for the operations of a child advocacy center (CAC) in the Valentine area.

A CAC provides a coordinated, multi-disciplinary approach to the problem of child abuse by establishing a safe, child friendly environment for interviews and medical examinations of the child victim, and offering continued support to the child and non-offending family members. A CAC also promotes specialized training for professionals, public education, and prevention efforts in the community. Currently there are CAC's operating in the Omaha, Lincoln, Norfolk, Grand Island, Kearney, North Platte, and Scottsbluff areas.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Deb Fischer