LEGISLATIVE BILL 119

FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state intent relating to health and human services of local public health departments.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,
Section 1. The Legislature finds and declares that:

(1) By focusing on preventive health and medicine, the state will decrease the amount of serious health complications and disease; and

(2) By improving health and promoting wellness in the areas of preventive health, rather than waiting for serious illness or disease to strike, the state will save money and lead to a healthier state.

Sec. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature to include in the appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services, for Program 502, Public Health Aid, for FY2013-14 an additional $3,600,000 General Funds and for FY2014-15 an additional $3,600,000 General Funds, for state aid, for the eighteen local public health departments as defined in section 71-1626. The department shall distribute $200,000 to each of the departments for the purpose of improving preventive health programs within the district. The preventive health programs that receive funds shall be designed to increase physical activity; decrease obesity; prevent complications from diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and other chronic diseases; improve access to medical homes and dental homes to offer prevention and wellness services; increase worksite wellness initiatives to prevent disease and disability; assure preventive services for children and adults; and any other initiative that promotes preventive health and wellness.