

**One Hundred Third Legislature - Second Session - 2014**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB827**

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**Chairperson: Senator Heath Mello**

**Committee: Appropriations**

**Date of Hearing: February 10, 2014**

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

LB 827 provides for a continuum of funding for Federally Qualified Health Centers in Nebraska. Federally Qualified Health Centers provide primary and preventative care services, including medical, dental and behavioral health services, for uninsured and low income citizens in medically underserved communities.

The new annual funding request is \$1.5 million starting in FY 2014-15. The request is distributed to each Federally Qualified Health Center based upon a formula determined by the number of uninsured served in the previous year as reported by the Federal Government.

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

**Senator John Harms**