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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB963

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 05, 2016

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

LB963 makes two changes to statutes regarding the Area Agencies on Aging - it changes the Area Agency on Aging area plan submission timeframes to mirror federal regulations and also repeals an outdated maintenance of effort funding requirement for four of the Area Agencies on Aging in the Community Aging Services Act.

Currently, state statute requires the Area Agencies on Aging to submit area plans to the State Unit on Aging every five years. Federal law outlines two, three, and four year time frames. This change will bring Nebraska into compliance with Federal regulations.

State laws passed in the 1980's require the four Area Agencies on Aging in existence at the time to obligate in future years the same amount of local funding to like services. This requirement does not take into account changes in priorities during these past years, nor does it impact the four Area Agencies on Aging. This change will equalize how the eight Area Agencies on Aging fund programs locally.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Nicole Fox