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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 1352

Chairperson: Senator Jim Jensen
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: February 11, 2000

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

LB 1352 would establish the Electronic Benefit Transfer Task Force. The task force would include: the State Treasurer; the Director of the Department of Administrative Services; the Director of the Department of Banking and Finance; the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services Finance and Support; a representative of the banking industry; the executive director of the Nebraska Grocery Industry Association; three representatives of the retail grocery industry with diverse geographical locations and size of store backgrounds; four persons receiving public assistance benefits or representing organizations advocating for benefit recipients; the Chairperson of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature; and one member of the Legislature designated by the Speaker.

The purpose of the task force would be to advise the Department of Health and Human Services and the Policy Cabinet during the process of developing and implementing an electronic benefit system. They would only advise on issues on which the task force has expertise. The task force would terminate on January 1, 2004.

The duties of the task force would include several different items. They would provide objective input, feedback, research and comment to the Department of Health and Human Services and the Policy Cabinet. They would provide recommendations to the Policy Cabinet and monitor implementation of the electronic benefit system. The task force would examine and make recommendations on policies for implementation. They would assist in determining costs and saving realized by implementation. The task force would provide recommendations and assist during the selection of vendors.

The State Treasurer would create an annual report detailing the progress of the task force, their recommendations, and findings, in addition to the progress of the development of the system. The report would be given to the Governor and the Legislature.

Principal Introducer:

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