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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 1219

Chairperson: Don Pederson
Committee: Appropriations
Date of Hearing: February 13, 2006

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

LB 1219 would enable the public health departments, who were charged with the responsibility of providing health services to further address:

- 1) Disease surveillance activities of public health threats;
- 2) Develop and provide effective health promotion and risk reduction for racially and ethnically diverse communities;
- 3) Develop and implement effective programs to inform, educate and empower communities about health issues and threats and to mobilize community partnerships to address those issues;
- 4) Bilingual interpretation based on knowledge of medical terminology, patient care, and community resources; and
- 5) Provide continuing education and development of the public health workforce.

LB 1219 would further facilitate and build upon the statewide public health system funded through LB 692, in 2001 with the Health Care Cash Fund. The bill calls for an appropriation of \$7,450,000 for 2006-2007 which will allow each of the eighteen public health departments to hire three or four people to develop the necessary programs described above.

Two-hundred and fifty thousand dollars will be used for education and training programs. Funding will be used to further curriculum development, facility support, and staffing for outreach to Nebraska's emerging public health leaders, and partial scholarships for selected participants in the program.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Dennis Byars