



Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 1006

Chairperson: Joel Johnson
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: February 6, 2008

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

The goal of LB 1006 is to make it easier for Nebraskans who need in home personal services to find them. With the growing need for in home services it is in the best interest of the state to try to increase the number of workers who provide in home services in an effort to keep disabled and elderly persons at home until it becomes medically necessary to be in an institutional setting.

The mechanism of the bill to make that happen has two components. The first is a registry, or listing of workers, made available to the public. The bill gives the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to promulgate rules and regulations for the registry.

The second component involves a salary study with the goal of increasing workers wages to a level that will retain and attract workers yet remain affordable for consumers. The second component also includes a plan for adjustment of wages and mandates a report to the Legislature on the salary study and wage plan.

Definitions of the type of service provided by workers mirror those created in statute last year for attendant, companion and homemaker services.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Ray Aguilar