

## One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009 Introducer's Statement of Intent LB 169

Chairperson: Lavon Heidemann
Committee: Appropriations
Date of Hearing: March 24, 2009

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

The intent is that in addition to any continuation increase, there is included in the appropriation to the Department of Health and Human Services - Medicaid and Long-term Care, for Program 338, Medical Assistance, General Funds for state aid to nongovernmental intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded, with a restriction that said funds shall be used only for the provision of staff salary and benefit increases.

The appropriation will increase the annual reimbursement to nongovernmental intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded for years subsequent to FY2009-10 by a percentage not less than salary increases provided for the position of Developmental Technician II at the Beatrice State Developmental Center.

| Principal Introducer: |                             |   |
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|                       | <b>Senator Galen Hadley</b> | _ |