

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB949**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday February 08, 2012  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Legislative Performance Audit  
**One Liner:** Require reports and a strategic plan by the Division of Children and Family Services of the Department of Health and Human Services

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 7 Senators Bloomfield, Campbell, Cook, Gloor, Howard, Krist, Lambert  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**  
Senator John Harms  
Sarah Helvey

**Representing:**  
Legislative Performance Audit Committee  
Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

For the state agency budget request process in FY2013-14 and FY 2014-2015, LB 949 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to include a strategic plan for the Children and Family Service Division in its request. The plan is to describe the main purpose or purposes of each program within the division and provide performance measures, benchmarks and time-frames for meeting them. The same information would be reported to the Legislatures Health and Human Services Committee and the Appropriations Committee.

Beginning October 2012 the department will report each quarter to the Health and Human Services Committee and the Appropriations Committee the expenditures of the previous quarter and any transfer of more than \$250,000 for child welfare from other subprograms of program 347.

Finally, LB 949 states the Legislature intends to establish child welfare as a separate budget program, currently it is a subprogram within program 347.

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Kathy Campbell, Chairperson