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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LR30

Chairperson: Senator John Wightman

Committee: Executive Board

Date of Hearing: February 17, 2011

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

LR 30 is a continuation of the work completed under LR 467, an interim study that initiated an examination of health care financing and delivery under the federal act. The Select Committee of LR 467 conducted several public hearings to facilitate wide collaboration, gather guidance and information from a variety of sources, and began to develop recommendations to present to the Legislature regarding health care reform.

LR 30 will create a select committee of the Legislature, the Health Care Reform Implementation and Oversight Committee. Membership on the committee will be from three standing committees that have responsibilities to implement federal health care reform, and additional at-large members from the Legislature. The goal of the committee will be to consult and encourage collaboration, coordination and system-wide communication with a broad array of public and private entities involved in Nebraska health care issues to assist with the communication and collaboration of health care reform implementation between standing committees of the Legislature as the committees develop health care reform policies and proposed legislation within their subject matter jurisdiction.

The Health Care Reform Implementation and Oversight Committee may consider issues including: medicaid expansion, eligibility determination and enrollment processes, benefit design; the insurance exchange; health insurance reform; workforce development; health care delivery systems and payment reforms; quality and access including capacity and affordability through Nebraska's health care system; utilization of technology for safe storage and transmission of health information; medical administration efficiencies; aggregate data across systems to monitor population health, identify priorities for improvement and track progress toward improvement goals; leveraging federal grants, pilot programs and other non-state funding sources to assist with health care reform and align purchasing power of the state within medicaid, CHIP, public employees and retirees, and the insurance exchange to form public-private partnerships to coordinate and integrate efforts with providers, employer-sponsored insurance companies and other stakeholders to provide health care redesign in Nebraska to improve efficiencies and delivery, ensure financial sustainability, and maximize public health and wellness.

Under LR 30 the Health Care Reform Implementation and Oversight Committee will continue its work on health care reform and make a report of its findings with recommendations to the Legislature on or before December 31, 2011.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Kathy Campbell