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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1061

Chairperson: Senator Sara Howard

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 31, 2020

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

LB 1061 makes a number of changes to Nebraska's Child Protection and Family Safety Act, including changes to alternative response and definitions related to non-court involved cases. The changes in LB 1061 will protect and provide greater clarity for parents, children, and caregivers involved in Nebraska's child welfare system.

Changes to alternative response include elimination of the sunset date, clearer definitions of response pathways for reports of child abuse and neglect, exclusionary criteria and Review, Evaluate, Decide Team criteria, the establishment of an advisory group under the Nebraska Children's Commission, and requirements for regulations to be promulgated.

Changes to non-court involved cases include definitions, requirement for a temporary delegation of parental authority when a child is placed out of the home, notification of rights for the parent and/or caregiver, and requirements for regulations to be promulgated.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Sue Crawford