

# One Hundred Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2024

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

### LB1086

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**Chairperson: Senator Ben Hansen**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 29, 2024**

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

LB1086 establishes the Health and Human Services Act, which seeks to provide more effective services and improved health outcomes for the people of Nebraska. The bill eliminates the Department of Health and Human Services and replaces it with three new departments: the Department of Children and Family Services, the Department of Public Health and the Department of Healthcare.

The current Division of Children and Family services would transfer to the Department of Children and Family Services. The current Division of Public Health would transfer to the Department of Public Health. The current Division of Behavioral Health, Division of Developmental Disabilities and Division of Medicaid and Long-Term Care would transfer to the Department of Healthcare.

The Governor will appoint one director to each department and each will be subject to confirmation by a majority of the Legislature. The three new departments will become effective on July 1, 2025. The legal counsel of the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature will prepare a committee amendment to this legislative bill to amend necessary statutes if the Health and Human Services Committee advances the bill to General File.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Lynne Walz**