

**ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2025**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB102**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday February 06, 2025  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Spivey  
**One Liner:** Change requirements relating to the standard of need under the aid to dependent children program

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Indefinitely postponed

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	5	Senators Hardin, Ballard, Hansen, Meyer, Riepe
<b>Nay:</b>	2	Senators Fredrickson, Quick
<b>Absent:</b>		
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Ashlei Spivey  
Katie Nungesser  
Sierra Edmisten  
Madeline Walker  
Taylor Givens-Dunn  
Diane Amdor  
Garret Swanson

**Representing:**

Opening Presenter  
Voices for Children  
self  
NE Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence  
I Be Black Girl  
Nebraska Appleseed  
Holland Children's Movement

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

John Meals

**Representing:**

NE Department of Health and Human Services

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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

LB 102 changes the ADC standard of need provisions. Specifically, standard of need provisions are changed regarding eligibility, amounts, adjustments, and calculation of benefit amount.

Sec. 1: The standard of need represents the regular recurring monthly amount necessary for basic subsistence and is part of the initial income test in determining eligibility for ADC benefits using the Budget the Gap Methodology. Effective July 1, 2026, the standard of need for a single individual shall be \$1,132.50 plus \$390 for each additional individual in the ADC unit.

The standard of need for ADC payments shall be adjusted on July 1 of every year, instead of every second year,



beginning July 1, 2026 (changed from 1997). The adjustment shall be made on the basis of the rate of growth as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor for the previous calendar year, not the two past calendar years.

The standard of need is also used to calculate a unit's ADC benefit amount

Sec. 2: Repealer

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Brian Hardin, Chairperson

