

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB903

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 28, 2026
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Storer
One Liner: Provide for a referral for home visitation services

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Hardin, Ballard, Fredrickson, Hansen, Meyer, G., Quick, Riepe
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Tanya Storer
Dezarae Brandt
Logan Houser
Angela Johnson
Katie Nungesser
Karen Vontz
Sara Howard

Representing:

Opening Presenter
Panhandle Public Health District
Public Health Solutions, Healthy Families of America
Public Health Solutions
Voices for Children in Nebraska
Educational Service Units Coordinating Council
First Five Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB903 amends section 68-1212 to establish a statutory referral pathway authorizing child welfare case managers to refer at-risk families with children two years of age or under to eligible home visitation services as provided in the Family Home Visitation Act. Upon such a referral, participating home visitation agencies may seek reimbursement for covered services under the federal Families First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA). The bill grants permissive referral authority and does not mandate referrals in every case, thereby preserving the professional judgment of case managers. Its purpose is to facilitate access to home visitation services and enable FFPSA reimbursement by addressing the current barrier that prevents agencies from billing absent a formal referral identifying an at-risk family.

Explanation of amendments:



AM1869 expands existing referral authority by permitting a case manager, when appropriate, to refer families with a child age three or younger to early intervention services, in addition to home visitation services. The amendment also outright repeals section 68-2306 which provides that the Family Home Visitation Act does not apply to a program that provides a single home visit or infrequent visits.

Brian Hardin, Chairperson

