

ONE HUNDRED NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2026
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB926

Hearing Date: Thursday February 05, 2026
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Andersen
One Liner: Change provisions relating to cash assistance under the Welfare Reform Act and transitional assistance under the aid to dependent children program

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye:	5	Senators Hardin, Ballard, Hansen, Meyer, G., Riepe
Nay:	2	Senators Fredrickson, Quick
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator Bob Andersen

Representing:

Opening Presenter

Opponents:

Katie Nungesser

Connor Herbert

Jennifer Monroe

Kay Wags

Madeline Walker

Alicia Christensen

Diane Amdor

Representing:

Voices for Children in Nebraska

Nebraska Commission on African American Affairs

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Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence

Together

Nebraska Appleseed

Neutral:

Representing:

* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 926 changes the maximum time limit for receipt of cash assistance under the Welfare Reform Act from 60 months to 36 months. Also, this bill removes sections relating to reimbursement for work-related child care expenses and cash assistance involving loss of job and extreme hardship.

SECTION BY SECTION SUMMARY:

Sec. 1: Amends Section 43-512 by removing child care expenses to harmonize with the changes made in Section 2



of this bill.

Sec. 2: Amends Section 68-1724(1) to change the time period of providing cash assistance from not to exceed 60 months to not to exceed 36 months. Also, this bill amends subdivisions (1)(a) and (1)(b) of this section to change the 60 months to 36 months for extensions when the state fails to meet the specific terms of the self-sufficiency contract and for the beginning of the time period within the first month of eligibility.

Amends Section 68-1724(1)(c) and (d), striking such subdivisions relating to transitional child care involving self-sufficiency contracts. These eliminated sections require cash assistance to be available, when recipient families are no longer eligible, to be reimbursed for work-related child care expenses even if the recipient has not achieved economic self-sufficiency, require that the self-sufficiency contract be revised when there is no job available for adult members of the recipient family, and require the Department of Health and Human Services to develop guidelines in cases of extreme hardship.

Amends Section 68-1724(2)(a) to change the definition of adults in recipient families to remove uncles, aunts, cousins, or grandparents.

Amends Section 68-1724(2)(c) to remove the prohibition of reducing assistance that may result in extreme hardship.

Amends Section 68-1724(2)(e) to change the family income threshold in pursuing support from the parents of a minor parent from less than 300% of the federal poverty guidelines to less than 200%.

Sec. 3: Repealer

Brian Hardin, Chairperson

