

ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2024
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB856

Hearing Date: Friday January 26, 2024
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Fredrickson
One Liner: Change eligibility requirements for the federal child care subsidy program

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

Vote Results:

Aye:	6	Senators Hansen, Ballard, Cavanaugh, M., Day, Riepe, Walz
Nay:	1	Senator Hardin
Absent:		
Present Not Voting:		

Testimony:

Proponents:

Senator John Fredrickson
Brian Slone

Nicole Fox
Anahi Salazar
Mike Bird
Amy Bennett

Heidi Pieper
Anne Brandt
Katie Bass

Opponents:

Neutral:

Representing:

Opening Presenter
NE Chamber/Economic Developers Assn/Columbus Chamber of Commerce/Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce
Platte Institute
Voices for Children in Nebraska
CRCC
YWCA Grand Island/Hall County Early Childhood and Childcare Coalition
NE Cattlemen/NE Corn Growers/NE Farm et all
Lincoln Littles
First Five Nebraska

Representing:

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* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 856 would exclude all earned and unearned income for child care workers when determining eligibility for the federal Child Care Subsidy. The applicant would have to be working at least 20 hours a week as a self-employed licensed child care provider, at a licensed center, or at an Early Head Start program.

SECTION BY SECTION SUMMARY:



Sec. 1: (A) All earned and unearned household income excluded from its eligibility determination if the applicant is:

(I) Self-employed at a licensed child care program

(II) Employed at a licensed child care program as described in section

(III) Employed at a federal Head Start or Early Head Start program, as described in 42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.

(IV) Employed at an Early Head Start program, as described in 42 U.S.C. 9840a.

(B) Verified for a minimum of twenty hours employment per week; and

(C) Listed in the Nebraska Early Childhood Professional Record System as described in section 71-1962.29 (iii)

Nothing in subdivision (2)(b)(ii) of this section shall preclude a household from meeting additional eligibility requirements of the federal Child Care Subsidy program

Sec. 2: Original section 68-1206

Explanation of amendments:

The standing Committee Amendment addresses current law that prohibits an individual that cares for their own child from receiving the child care subsidy. Under the standing Committee Amendment, a center must make reasonable accommodations to ensure an individual is not caring for their own child but still allow for the subsidy if reasonable accommodations cannot be made.

Ben Hansen, Chairperson

