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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB187

Chairperson: Senator Heath Mello

Committee: Appropriations

Date of Hearing: March 25, 2013

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

Nebraska Revised Statute 38-1149 provides that the Department of Health and Human Services shall appoint a Dental Health Director within the Office of Oral Health and Dentistry. However, this position has not been regularly filled in recent years, limiting the coordination of dental health services in Nebraska as well as access to optimal dental care. Additionally, Nebraska recently failed to qualify for a large federal grant in part because it currently does not have a Dental Health Director.

LB187 will fund the position of Dental Health Director by appropriating (1) \$150,000 from the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and (2) \$150,000 from the General Fund for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator John E. Nelson