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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 537

Chairperson: Patrick J. Bourne
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: February 10, 2005

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

LB 537 would require the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) to collect co-payments from any person committed to the department that receives routine health care services. No such co-payment would be required for any person determined to be indigent, as defined by the provisions of the bill, or for services provided by chronic care clinics. LB 537 establishes that each person committed to the department shall have access to standard health care as provided, regardless of the person's ability to contribute to the cost of the services received.

The director of the NDCS is responsible for the rules and regulations governing the amount of the co-payment under this legislation. LB 537 sets a maximum co-payment of ten dollars.

The department's grievance procedure shall be utilized in order to resolve any disputed decision rendered pursuant to this act.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator John Synowiecki