

# **One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB290**

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**Chairperson: Senator Ben Hansen**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing:**

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

The intent of LB290 is to increase the eligibility limit for Aid to Dependent Children, the direct cash assistance program funded by the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

LB 290 proposes to increase the Standard of Need from \$601 for an individual and \$140 for each additional eligible individual to \$1,132.50 for an individual and \$393 for each additional individual. These amounts would more accurately reflect the monthly amount necessary for basic subsistence, based on the 2022 Federal Poverty Level. By increasing the Standard of Need, the calculations would result in a higher benefit amount.

This bill also requires the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services to adjust the Standard of Need to account for inflation on an annual basis instead of the current timeframe of every two years.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Machaela Cavanaugh**