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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 1110

Chairperson: Tim Gay
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: February 25, 2010

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

LB 1110 is intended to allow Nebraska to continue to offer prenatal services to unborn children of low-income women. The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) notified the state that it must stop providing prenatal services to some of these children through Medicaid. CMS has also informed the state that prenatal care may be provided to unborn children through the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

Therefore, LB 1110 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a separate state program under the targeted low-income child health option of CHIP. Program services shall be prenatal care and pregnancy-related services connected to the health of the unborn child. The program is solely for the unborn children of mothers are are ineligible for coverage under Medicaid. Children's eligibility for services will be determined using an income budgetary methodology of no greater than 185% of the federal poverty guideline. Services not included include dentistry, optometry, and other medical issues separate to the mother and unrelated to pregnancy.

The bill requires the department, within thirty days of LB 1110's passage, to seek CMS's approval of a state plan amendment or waiver for the program.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Kathy Campbell