

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB891**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday January 25, 2012  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Nordquist  
**One Liner:** Provide for a medicaid waiver to provide coverage for certain low-income HIV-infected individuals

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

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 7 Senators Bloomfield, Campbell, Cook, Gloor, Howard, Krist, Lambert  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Proponents:**  
Senator Jeremy Nordquist  
Daniel Cobos  
Rena Furl  
Jordan Delmundo

**Representing:**  
District #7  
University of Nebraska Medical Center  
University of Nebraska Medical Center  
Nebraska AIDS Project

**Opponents:**  
Vivianne Chaumont

**Representing:**  
DHHS, Division of Medicaid and Long-term Care

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 891 requires the department to apply for a demonstration waiver from CMS to allow individuals with HIV to access medical care through Medicaid. The waiver would cover individuals infected with HIV who are at or below 100% of the federal poverty level and not otherwise eligible for Medicaid. LB 891 provides that such medicaid coverage would be contingent on the approval of the waiver.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The Committee Amendment utilizes up to fifty percent of the current General Fund appropriation for AIDS drug assistance to implement the waiver provided for in LB 891. The amendment allows the department to limit through the waiver participation in the program to the General Fund appropriation, but requires coverage for no fewer than eighty and no more than one hundred fifty individuals.

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Kathy Campbell, Chairperson