

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent LB1050**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 06, 2014**

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

The purpose of LB 1050 is to require all child care providers who are required to be licensed by the State of Nebraska to have a health and safety inspection prior to being issued a license. Current law allows for Family Child Care Home I providers to obtain licenses before undergoing basic health and safety inspections. Specifically, current law allows applicants to self-certify that they are in compliance with all health and safety regulations and then gives the Department of Health and Human Services 60 days to complete the inspection after the license is granted. Parents may not be aware that the license was granted without an inspection and they may consider the license to mean that their children are in a safe and healthy place.

Although a significant majority of providers pass these inspections without incident, a small number of licenses have been granted to homes with unsafe and unsanitary conditions that are not easily remedied.

LB 1050 does not apply to childcare providers who are not required to be licensed, as noted at 391 NAC 1, 1-001.02.

LB 1050 will protect children and provide families the assurance that all licensed childcare providers meet basic health and safety standards upon licensure.

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

**Senator Kathy Campbell**