

# **One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015**

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

### **LB390**

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**Chairperson: Senator Les Seiler**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: March 06, 2015**

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

LB 390 creates the Medical Cannabidiol Pilot Study within the University of Nebraska Medical Center for patients who suffer from severe and untreatable or treatment-resistant epileptic seizures. It allows access to low-THC cannabidiol oil for patients under the supervision of a neurologist at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Under LB 390, it shall be an affirmative and complete defense to prosecution if the defendant suffers from intractable seizures and is an active participant in the study or if the defendant is the parent or legal guardian of such an individual. The bill also provides that proceedings to remove a child from a home cannot be based solely upon the possession or use of cannabidiol in accordance with the pilot study.

Low-THC cannabidiol does not have psychoactive effects on the user and therefore has no recreational use.

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

**Senator Sue Crawford**