

**One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB721**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: January 22, 2016**

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

LB 721 puts in place a licensure process by which surgical first assistants can be licensed through the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services. This licensure process will allow surgeons to have greater access to the assistance necessary for providing services to patients and increase the availability of appropriate surgical staff.

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

Senator Roy Baker