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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB298

Chairperson: Senator Merv Riepe

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 23, 2017

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

LB 298 permits and requires the department to establish a procedure for the public dissemination of a picture of and information about a child missing from a foster or out-of-home-placement subject to state and federal confidentiality laws.

LB 298 renames the Normalcy Taskforce to the "Nebraska Strengthening Families Act Committee" under the Nebraska Children's Commission and adds a representative of a juvenile facility to the committee.

LB 298 also applies certain provisions of the Nebraska Strengthening Families Act to children placed in juvenile facilities and requires child care institutions, juvenile facilities and youth rehabilitation and treatment centers to develop a written normalcy plan and annual normalcy report.

LB 298 also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to adopt and promulgate rules and regulations regarding training for foster parents on recognizing human trafficking.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Roy Baker