

**One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB606**

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**Chairperson: Senator Laura Ebke**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: March 23, 2017**

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

The Volunteer Care Act removes barriers for physicians, dentists and other medical professionals to donate their time to care for low-income patients. It allows medical professionals to receive Continuing Medical Education credits for his or her volunteerism.

The health care provider or medical professional cannot be named as a defendant in any action arising out of services provided within the scope of the duties under the Volunteer Care Act.

The Department of Health and Human Services shall establish a quality assurance program to monitor services delivered under this Act and shall report annually to the Legislature summarizing the efficacy of the Act. The Department will provide an online listing of health care providers and medical professionals who volunteer, including hours, number of patient visits and the value of health care related goods and services provided.

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

Senator Merv Riepe