

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB185

Chairperson: Senator John Stinner

Committee: Appropriations

Date of Hearing: February 25, 2021

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

Established in 1998 by the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, the Fred LeRoy Health and Wellness Center provides medical, dental, behavioral health, and public health services to American Indians and others eligible for Indian Health Services. The Fred Leroy Indian Health Center is a designated Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) that receives grant and contract funding through Title V of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. They are qualified for section 340(a)(4) of the Public Health Services Act as defined by the Health Resources and Services Administration. Like other FQHC's in Nebraska, their federal grant funding is limited, which in turn limits the services they can provide.

The purpose of LB185 is to provide equitable funding for the Fred LeRoy Health Center, one of the FQHC's in Nebraska, per the Federal Program 330, Public Law 104-299, the federal Health Centers Consolidation Act of 1996.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tom Brewer