

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB495

Chairperson: Senator John Arch

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 29, 2021

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

LB 495 would increase contractual payments to foster parents and foster care agencies to ensure continued stabilization of the foster care system in Nebraska. Requires the Division of Children and Family Services, of the Department of Health and Human Services to implement increased foster care reimbursement rates as outlined in the Foster Care Reimbursement Rate Committee report dated June 22, 2020.

The changes in LB495 ensure that foster care reimbursement rates accurately reflect the cost of raising a child in the care of the state and that fair foster care reimbursement rates continue into the future in order to stem attrition of foster parents and to recruit, support and maintain high-quality foster parents.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Robert Hilkemann