

# **One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB698**

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**Chairperson: Senator John Arch**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 10, 2022**

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

The purpose of Legislative Bill 698 is to direct Nebraska Medicaid to cover diabetes patient access to continuous glucose monitors (CGMs). Continuous Glucose Monitors allow individuals with diabetes to track their glucose levels at regular intervals and help patients with diabetes more accurately dose insulin. Patients with better management of their diabetes have better outcomes, a higher quality of life, and cost significantly less to the state. In Nebraska, some Medicaid plans already cover CGMs for their patients in order to save long term costs of hospitalizations. However, not all plans provide this coverage. LB 698 would provide equitable access to these devices for all Medicaid patients with diabetes.

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

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