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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB956

Chairperson: Senator John Arch

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 17, 2022

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

Public Health's mission is to improve the health of Nebraskans. Data is among the most important tools for achieving this goal. Without sufficient data, public health officials lack a necessary tool to achieve better health outcomes for all Nebraskans.

LB 956 responds to these challenging issues by creating a general standard for the use and release of de-identified and individually identifiable data. This bill authorizes DHHS to develop data dashboards, under the direction of the DHHS CEO or Director of Public Health, in specific circumstances. It also addresses and explicitly authorizes public health data sharing within and between DHHS and other governmental entities (including federal agencies, Executive Branch agencies, and local health departments or organizations).

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Dave Murman