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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB554

Chairperson: Senator Brian Hardin

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 20, 2025

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

LB554 replaces the current Credentialing Review Program, known as the "407 process," with the Nebraska Health Professions Commission to evaluate credentialing applications and scope-of-practice changes. The commission will be co-chaired by representatives from Nebraska's institutions of higher learning and will base its evaluations on workforce data, public health considerations, and stakeholder input. It will conduct public hearings, analyze workforce trends, and submit annual recommendations to the Legislature. The bill also appropriates funding to support the commission's activities, including data collection through the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Merv Riepe