APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE 2014 BILL HEARING SUMMARY LB 936

Hearing Date:Monday, February 10thIntroducer:BolzOne Liner:Create and provide duties for the State Ward Permanency Project

Proponents:

Senator Bolz Marla Fischer-Lempke David Newell Kim Hawekotte Robert McEwen Representing: Introducer Ombudsman's Office Nebraska Families Collaborative NE Foster Care Reveiw Office Nebraska Appleseed

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral: Jodi Fenner **Representing:** NE DHHS, Developmental Disabilities Division

Statement of Intent:

LB 936 creates the State Ward Permanency Pilot Project to provide developmental disabilities services to state wards who do not otherwise qualify for priority one status.

Implementation of the Pilot Project shall be a collaboration between the Division of Developmental Disabilities, Children and Family Services, any lead agency, the State Department of Education, and developmental disabilities service providers. The collaboration will include providing assessments, training caseworkers and service providers, and promoting stability and permanency among state wards. The Pilot Project shall collect data and report findings related to improved stability and permanency for state wards.

LB 936 transfers \$1,944,000 over two years from CFS to DDD for purposes of funding this pilot and further appropriates \$1,156,000 over two years from general funds. The Pilot Project shall terminate June 30, 2016.

Requested Funds:

FY14-15 528,000 G

Committee Action:

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