

**APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
2014 BILL HEARING SUMMARY  
LB 936**

**Hearing Date:** Monday, February 10th  
**Introducer:** Bolz  
**One Liner:** Create and provide duties for the State Ward Permanency Project

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**Proponents:**  
Senator Bolz  
Marla Fischer-Lempke  
David Newell  
Kim Hawekotte  
Robert McEwen

**Representing:**  
Introducer  
Ombudsman's Office  
Nebraska Families Collaborative  
NE Foster Care Review Office  
Nebraska Appleseed

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**  
Jodi Fenner

**Representing:**  
NE DHHS, Developmental  
Disabilities Division

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**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

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**Committee Action:**

FY14-15      528,000 G

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