

# One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

### LB830

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**Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: February 16, 2022**

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

LB 830 seeks to align statutory language with current Nebraska Supreme Court Child Support Guidelines. Currently, N.R.S. § 42-369(2)(a) allows for courts to order a parent to provide health insurance coverage for a child if the reasonable cost is below “three percent” of the parent’s income. The Nebraska Supreme Court Child Support Guidelines define reasonable cost as “five percent” of a parent’s income, consistent with inflation and aligned with guidelines in other states.

As a result, Nebraska has two different definitions for this standard. This leaves ambiguity in the provisions governing child support. Harmonizing these provisions to support the Nebraska Supreme Court Child Support Guidelines will allow for regular adjustment as these guidelines are periodically reviewed and updated to contemporary economic circumstances.

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

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