

## LEGISLATIVE BILL 306

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Introduced by Brandt, 32; Bostar, 29; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Cavanaugh, M., 6; Day, 49; DeBoer, 10; Dorn, 30; Gragert, 40; Hansen, B., 16; Hansen, M., 26; Hilkemann, 4; Hunt, 8; Lathrop, 12; Lindstrom, 18; Linehan, 39; McCollister, 20; McKinney, 11; Morfeld, 46; Pahls, 31; Sanders, 45; Vargas, 7; Walz, 15; Williams, 36; Wishart, 27; Kolterman, 24; Slama, 1; Blood, 3; Wayne, 13; Pansing Brooks, 28; Flood, 19; Aguilar, 35; McDonnell, 5.

A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to public assistance; to provide eligibility requirements relating to the federal low-income home energy assistance program administered by the state; to provide duties for the Department of Health and Human Services; and to declare an emergency.

Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

Section 1. For purposes of determining eligibility of a household for the low-income home energy assistance program pursuant to section 68-1201 as administered by the State of Nebraska pursuant to the federal Energy Policy Act of 2005, 42 U.S.C. 8621 to 8630, the Department of Health and Human Services shall apply a household total annual income level of one hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level published annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or such successor agency which publishes the federal poverty level.

Sec. 2. The Department of Health and Human Services shall annually allocate at least ten percent of available funds for the low-income home energy assistance program established pursuant to the federal Energy Policy Act of 2005, 42 U.S.C. 8621 to 8630, to weatherization assistance for eligible households as administered by the department or other agencies of the state.

Sec. 3. Since an emergency exists, this act takes effect when passed and approved according to law.