

LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA  
ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND SESSION

**LEGISLATIVE BILL 715**

Introduced by Howard, 9.

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Committee:

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to state findings; and to
- 2 state intent relating to appropriations to local public health
- 3 departments with respect to preventive health programs.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1           Section 1. The Legislature finds that by focusing on preventive  
2 health and medicine the state will decrease the amount of serious health  
3 complications and disease among its residents. By improving health and  
4 promoting wellness in the areas of preventive health, rather than waiting  
5 for serious illness or disease to strike, it will save money and lead to  
6 a healthier state as a whole.

7           Sec. 2. It is the intent of the Legislature to appropriate to the  
8 Department of Health and Human Services, for Program No. 502, for  
9 FY2018-19 \$900,000 General Funds for state aid, for the eighteen local  
10 public health departments. The Department of Health and Human Services  
11 shall distribute \$50,000 to each of the local public health departments  
12 for the purpose of improving preventive health and promoting worksite  
13 wellness. The preventive health programs that will benefit from the funds  
14 shall be designed to: Increase physical activity; prevent complications  
15 from diabetes, cardiovascular disease, and other chronic diseases;  
16 improve access to medical homes and dental homes to offer prevention and  
17 wellness services; increase worksite wellness initiatives to prevent  
18 disease and disability; assure preventive services for children and  
19 adults; and promote preventive health and wellness in additional ways.