



**Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007**  
**Committee Statement**  
**LB 610**

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**Hearing Date:** February 22, 2007

**Committee On:** Health and Human Services

**Introducer(s):** (Legislative Performance Audit Committee)

**Title:** Provide documentation and recordkeeping requirements for the Department of Health and Human Services regarding sex offenders

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**Roll Call Vote – Final Committee Action:**

- X Advanced to General File
  - Advanced to General File with Amendments
  - Indefinitely Postponed
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**Vote Results:**

7	Yes	Senator(s): Johnson, Erdman, Hansen, Howard, Gay, Pankonin, Stuthman
	No	
	Present, not voting	
	Absent	

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**Proponents:**  
Senator McDonald

**Representing:**  
Introducer

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 610 provides requirements relating to the treatment of sex offenders under programs administered by the Department of Health and Human Services (department). The bill requires department personnel who work with sex offenders to “develop, maintain, and adhere to written policies or administrative rules and regulations governing the transfer and discharge of sex offenders treated in a program of the department.”

At a minimum, such policies or rules and regulations must contain: “(a) Specific requirements regarding treatment that sex offenders are required to meet in order to be transferred from one sex offender treatment unit to another or to be discharged from treatment; and (b) A list of the personnel of the department who are required to review and document their opinions regarding the treatment progress of each sex offender prior to his or her transfer or discharge.”

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The department is required to “maintain complete treatment records for sex offenders treated in a program of the department, including documentation of the reason behind transfer and discharge decisions, with the sex offender’s permanent medical records.”

At a minimum, each sex offender’s records must contain: “(a) Detailed documentation that the sex offender has or has not met the requirements for transfer or discharge; and (b) Signed comments from all personnel of the department required to review the sex offender’s treatment progress prior to his or her transfer or discharge.”

**Explanation of amendments, if any:**

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**Senator Joel Johnson, Chairperson**