



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 203**

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**Chairperson:** Joel Johnson  
**Committee:** Health and Human Services  
**Date of Hearing:** January 19, 2007

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

The intention of LB 203 is to improve the process that health care facilities use to challenge alleged violations of state and federal regulations. The bill adds an alternative informal conference review process with a state-contracted "peer review organization," which is a physician-directed organization designed to share information about best practices with physicians, hospitals and nursing homes. All costs to conduct an alternative informal conference will be paid by the facilities that select this option. The alternative process is intended to ensure impartiality in an informal conference review and set forth standards and qualifications for the reviewers.

**Principal Introducer:**

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**Senator Tim Gay**