



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 229

Chairperson: Lavon Heidemann
Committee: Appropriations
Date of Hearing: February 27, 2007

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

LB 229 is intended to fill the funding gap created by last year's gubernatorial veto by appropriating \$643,436 General Funds and \$688,730 in Federal Funds to be used to enhance the reimbursement of providers in order to make it possible for them to grant employee salary increases for the coming year which will place them within striking distance, at least, of state workers performing the same responsibilities. As is usual for such appropriations, providers would be required, by the expressed intent of the Legislature, to utilize a minimum of sixty-five percent of the funds appropriated to compensate front-line staff.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Norman Wallman