



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 585

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: March 21, 2007

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

LB 585 changes the method in which cigarettes and tobacco products can be dispensed. The bill prohibits self-service access to cigarettes and tobacco products to discourage underage purchase of these products. Under LB 585 these products may only be dispensed with the assistance of an employee where cigarettes and tobacco products are sold.

In general, self-service displays are used to increase product availability, visibility and brand awareness at retail. Self-service displays provide for easier product availability by allowing customers direct access to the product. Banning self-service displays will help reduce youth access to cigarettes and tobacco products by requiring each purchaser to interact with a clerk.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Don Preister