



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 76

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: March 8, 2007

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

LB 76 changes the presumption of custody of children in a dissolution action. Currently the presumption is that the children will be placed in the legal and physical custody of one parent and will only be placed in joint legal or physical custody if both parents agree and the court finds that such arrangement is in the best interest of the children. LB 76 changes the presumption so that the children will be placed in the joint legal custody of the parents unless one of the parents is shown to be unfit. The standard for joint physical or shared physical custody is modified to the extent that the parents do not have to agree to the arrangement. For joint physical custody the court, after hearing, would have to find that such an arrangement would be in the best interest of the children and that both parents are fit.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Carol Hudkins