



One Hundred First Legislature - Second Session - 2010
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 1038

Chairperson: Tim Gay
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: February 17, 2010

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

LB 1038 amends provisions relating to informed consent for genetic testing. Presently, a patient's informed consent must be specifically obtained prior to the performance of any predictive genetic test. LB 1038 would require the same informed consent prior to the performance of genetic tests ordered for diagnostic or clinical purposes. The bill also specifies that the patient be informed of the financial cost and degree of health insurance coverage for the diagnostic or predictive genetic test. LB 1038 is intended to promote greater transparency in medical care, especially when often costly genetic testing is involved, so as to prevent unforeseen financial hardships to patients and their families.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Tony Fulton

