



**One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009**  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 519**

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**Chairperson:** Tim Gay  
**Committee:** Health and Human Services  
**Date of Hearing:** February 5, 2009

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

LB 519 establishes a rate methodology to be followed by the Department of Health and Human Services in preparation for each biennium budget cycle. The methodology is designed to determine necessary market adjustments for behavioral health care services provider reimbursement.

The legislation establishes a Provider Reimbursement Rate Commission that would make recommendations for future rate adjustments to the Governor, the Legislature and the Department of Health and Human Services.

LB 519 does not require any appropriation of funds recommended by the Provider Reimbursement Rate Commission.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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