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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 551

Chairperson: Rich Pahls
Committee: Banking, Commerce and Insurance
Date of Hearing: February 10, 2009

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

LB 551 would increase access to health insurance by allowing families to purchase coverage for family members up through the age of 29 in their family coverage plans at their own cost. Under the bill, health insurers that offer dependent-care coverage would be required to extend the terms for the children of policyholders to age 29. This extended coverage would be eligible only for unmarried children of private insurance holders. Families, not employers, would be required to pay the full cost of the policy.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Tom White