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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 702

Chairperson: Tim Gay
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: January 20, 2010

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

LB 702 would eliminate the 180 day limit on authorizations for the release of health information.

Eliminating the 180 day provision preserves patient privacy rights. Without the 180 day provision, HIPAA Privacy rule requirements would apply, permitting individuals to state an expiration date or event. Patients retain the right to revoke authorizations to release health information.

The 180 day limit is more restrictive than current federal law and creates a barrier to the exchange of health information to specialist referrals, patient advocates and electronic health information exchange. Additionally, it also limits the patient's right to authorize or restrict access to their health information as they so choose.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Mike Gloor