



One Hundred First Legislature - First Session - 2009  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 91**

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**Chairperson:** Tim Gay  
**Committee:** Health and Human Services  
**Date of Hearing:** January 21, 2009

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

The purpose of this bill is to allow children currently in guardianships to be placed in permanent adoptive homes as prescribed.

LB91 would 1) allow a state subsidized adoption when there has been a subsidized guardianship, and existing guardian is adopting; and 2) allow the assistance provided under subsidized adoption to mirror the subsidized guardianship assistance.

- This bill will allow some guardians to adopt the child, providing the following criteria are met:
  - Adoption ends the court's involvement.
  - All family members are assured of a higher degree of permanency, because the guardian assumes full parental rights and responsibilities, and the child becomes a legal member of the family; and
  - Neither parent nor child faces the danger of a birth parent or another person petitioning for custody or visitation rights.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Gwen Howard**