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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1062

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 02, 2012

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

It is the intent of LB 1062 to allow state adoption assistance, which is provided to children determined to be eligible for such assistance by the state, to “follow the child” in the case of the death of adoptive parent/s to prevent a child from re-entering the foster care system.

LB 1062 requires the Department of Health and Human Services or the child placement agency and the adoptive parent or parents to enter into a written adoption assistance agreement stating the terms of assistance, if the child is eligible for such assistance.

LB 1062 provides that the payment of the adoption assistance shall cease upon the death of the adoptive parents except:

1. In cases in which the need for the assistance continues and the adoption assistance agreement provides for assignment to a guardian or conservator; or,
2. For up to six months pending the appointment of a guardian or conservator if the child is placed in the temporary custody of a family member or other individual.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Jeremy Nordquist