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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB172

Chairperson: Senator Bill Avery

Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs

Date of Hearing: January 27, 2011

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

LB 172 eliminates the Commission on Latino-Americans and the Commission on Indian Affairs and creates the Commission on Indian and Multicultural Affairs (commission).

The commission will consist of 10 members appointed by the Governor. Six members will be enrolled tribal members; three members will be appointed so that one member represents each of the three most populous census categories, except that such members will not be from the category of White or American Indian; and one member will be an at-large member.

The commission is charged with: promoting state and federal legislation beneficial to Indian and multicultural communities, coordinating existing programs in the areas of housing, education, welfare, medical, employment and other related problems; working with other state and federal government agencies; and keeping the Governor's office and the public with information on the Indian and multicultural communities.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Bill Avery