

One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB221

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: March 10, 2011

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

LB221 would require the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a drug testing program to screen applicants and recipients of cash assistance benefits under the Welfare Reform Act.

If an applicant or recipient is declared ineligible for benefits, he or she would be referred to a substance abuse treatment program by the Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Behavioral Health. He or she would also be ineligible for cash assistance benefits for one year.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Charlie Janssen