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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB39

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 19, 2011

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

Currently any sign language interpreter who provides service to any state agency must be licensed by the Commission. LB 39 requires all sign language interpreters to be licensed with the Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing with the following exceptions:

- Interpreting as a part of a religious service
- Interpreting in an emergency situation
- Interpreting under the direct supervision of a licensed interpreter as a part of a course of study
- Interpreting as an educational interpreter under the rules of the Department of Education
- Interpreting while licensed or certified by another state for a period of less than 14 days or via technological means.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Ken Haar