

**One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB545**

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**Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: March 16, 2011**

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

LB 545 requires any individual who is arrested, detained, taken into custody, or incarcerated to pay a copay for all medical services sought. Any individual who is not of sufficient means to afford the copay shall not be required to pay the copay.

The bill, as introduced, does not designate the amount of the copay. The bill would need to be amended to establish the amount of copay required.

While the bill affects all individuals who are arrested, detained, taken into custody, or incarcerated in any jurisdiction in the state, I introduced the bill on behalf of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners to lower county expenditures for inmate medical care and treatment.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Rich Pahls**