

One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB617

Chairperson: Senator John Wightman

Committee: Executive Board

Date of Hearing: February 10, 2011

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

LB 617 would create the Administrative Rules Review Committee, which would consist of the chairpersons of the Legislature's standing committees. The committee would be staffed by a combination of staff from standing committees and the Clerk of the Legislature, and The Clerk of the Legislature would serve as an ex-officio member of the committee.

State agencies would submit to the committee a copy of all proposed rules and regulations and amendments to existing rules and regulations. The committee would have 30 days to review the proposed rules and regulations as to their statutory authority and to notify the agency of its approval or disapproval. Rules and regulations would be deemed approved by the committee if no action is taken to approve the rules and regulations within 30 days of receipt.

Under LB 617, rules and regulations could only be adopted or amended between the adjournment sine die of a legislative session and November 30 of the same calendar year. This requirement would not preclude an agency from beginning the rules and regulations process prior to adjournment sine die.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Heath Mello