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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB696

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 17, 2011

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

LB 696 seeks to simply and streamline the administration of the children's medical assistance program by requiring the Department of Health and Human Services to apply for and utilize options allowed under Title XIX (Medicaid) and Title XXI (State Children's Health Insurance Program, or SCHIP) to simplify enrollment and redetermination of eligibility for children's medical assistance.

LB 696 requires the Department to implement a process of administrative determinations or ex parte reviews for redetermination of children's medical assistance as allowed under federal law and as required to qualify for federal bonus payments under section 2105(a)(3) of the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1397ee(a)(3).

LB 696 also requires the Department of Health and Human Services to reinstate 12-months continuous eligibility for children's medical assistance.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Jeremy Nordquist