

# One Hundred Second Legislature - Second Session - 2012

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

### LB774

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: January 18, 2012**

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

The Health and Human Services committee through the LR 37 report identified several critical issues in terms of data and system analysis:

*“The committee is concerned about several issues connected with data:*

- Uncoordinated reporting, analysis, and "silos" of databases – whereby agencies and the state cannot access data - are chronic, pervasive, systemic, serious problems.*
- The department and the Legislature should address data issues immediately.*
- However, a good data system will not in itself alone further child welfare reform. Data analysis and synthesis are crucial.*
- Additionally, child welfare reform requires systems thinking.*
- All three branches of state government and child welfare stakeholders should collaborate in systems thinking and integration to ensure services for children's safety, permanency, and well-being.”*

LB 774 would address the critical need for systems analysis and collaboration between branches of government by requiring the Health and Human Services Committee present an annual report to the Legislature, Governor and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court regarding progress made on the committee's LR 37 recommendation.

To facilitate this report and to address issues of timely receipt of information by the committee, LB 774 calls for the Department of Health and Human Services to provide the committee with the reports required pursuant to sections 43-296, 43-534, 68-1207.01, 71-825, 71-827, 71-304 and subdivision (6) of 43-405 by September 15 of 2012, 2013, and 2014.

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

**Senator Gwen Howard**