

# One Hundred Second Legislature - Second Session - 2012

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

### LB949

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 08, 2012**

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

LB 949 would provide additional fiscal accountability and transparency for child welfare spending. The bill is based on recommendations of the Legislative Performance Audit Committee in its report, which was part of the LR 37 study of child welfare privatization.

The three key provisions of LB 949 are to:

- 1) Require DHHS to, in the next two budget cycles, include a strategic plan for CFS in its budget request to the Legislature. That plan must identify the main purpose of each program in the division, the goals for measuring progress in meeting that purpose, and benchmarks and time-frames for meeting those goals.
- 2) Require CFS provide to the HHS and Appropriations committees quarterly updates starting in October 2012 on any movement of funds over \$250,000 into the child welfare subprogram from other budget subprograms within budget program 347; and
- 3) State the Legislature's intention that the child welfare subprogram within budget program 347 be separated out and established as its own program for budget purposes, beginning in the next biennium.

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

**Senator John Harms**