

# **One Hundred Second Legislature - Second Session - 2012**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB998**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: January 27, 2012**

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

LB 998 would make changes to the Foster Care Review Board. It would change the name of the Foster Care Review Board to the Foster Care Review Office. The position of executive director would be appointed by a vote of two-thirds of the members required for approval from the nominations submitted by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council. The eleven member state board with oversight of the Foster Care Review Board is eliminated by LB 998. Instead, the executive director will report directly to the chairperson of the Legislature's Health and Human Services Committee. The structure of the Foster Care Review Office will be determined by the Health and Human Services committee. The executive director and all employees of the Foster Care Review Office are considered to be employees of the Legislative Council.

The Foster Care Review Office will assign each foster care placement reported to the office to a local board. The local boards and the court shall send a written report to the office for each foster care review hearing conducted by the local board or court. Current members of the local boards serving when this bill takes effect will continue to serve their unexpired terms. The Governor will appoint one member for each local foster care review boards. The purpose of the Foster Care Review Office is for legislative oversight of the foster care system. This office is created by the Legislature and for the Legislature in order to receive accurate and timely information on the state foster care system.

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

**Senator Bob Krist**