

One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB246

Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 07, 2013

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

LB246 would require an inmate housed in a county or state correctional facility to pay a copayment of not less than ten dollars for every self-initiated, non-emergency visit to a health care provider. The bill provides for certain exceptions for which the copayment would not be charged, including treatment for a chronic illness, emergency care of any kind, and staff-initiated care, among others.

LB246 would not restrict access to medical care if an inmate was unable to pay the copayment. The bill does state, however, that if an inmate's account balance is insufficient to cover the copayment at the time of the visit, fifty percent of each deposit into the inmate's account will be withheld until the copayment has been paid in full.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tyson Larson