

# **One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013**

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

### **LB37**

---

**Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: January 24, 2013**

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

The purpose of LB 37 is to clarify the treatment of digital assets at death. Current law does not have a clear indication of how such assets should be treated at the death of the account owner. LB 37 would remedy this uncertainty by adding to the powers of a personal representative, a person appointed by a court to administer the decedent's estate, the power to take control of, conduct, continue, or terminate any account of a deceased person on any social networking web site, microblogging or short message service web site, or email service web site.

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

**Senator John Wightman**