

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

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB98**

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**Chairperson: Senator Bill Avery**

**Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs**

**Date of Hearing: February 08, 2013**

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

LB 98 seeks to update the Administrative Procedures Act by doing the following:

1. Clarifying that an agency cannot enforce a rule or regulation until such rule or regulation has been approved under the Act
2. Providing for the award of attorney's fees when a rule or regulation is declared invalid because it was adopted without compliance with statutory procedures
3. Requiring that the Public Counsel (Ombudsman) investigate complaints that a rule or regulation is being enforced prior to approval

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

**Senator Heath Mello**