

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1023

Chairperson: Senator Les Seiler

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 04, 2016

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

LB 1023 clarifies the coordination of behavioral health treatment for inmates in the Corrections system by outlining discharge and treatment planning between Department of Corrections, Division of Behavioral Health and community providers. The bill requires that such planning will start 90 days before a committed offender is released into the community.

The bill also requires a needs assessment prepared by the Department of Correctional Services every two years on behavioral health programming by facility in the correctional system. The needs assessment shall be submitted to the Appropriations Committee of the Legislature.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Laura Ebke