

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB708

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 28, 2016

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

LB708 directs the Department of Health and Human Services to develop an endorsement for health care facilities that provide high-quality care for individuals with cognitive impairment, dementia, and/or Alzheimer's disease. Such qualifications for the endorsement are to include, but not be limited to, staffing enhancements, staff training, dedicated programing and security requirements.

The department is also directed to examine the rate structure for facilities serving people with cognitive impairments, dementia, and/or Alzheimer's disease, and make recommendations regarding a higher or supplemental reimbursement rate for the facilities that qualify for the endorsement.

An amendment provided to the committee clarifies that the endorsement shall be for Assisted Living facilities exclusively.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Kate Bolz