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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB722

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 22, 2016

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

LB 722 creates the Stroke System of Care Act. The purpose of the Act is to improve the overall outcomes of stroke patients. This act will establish a statewide stroke system of care by designating hospitals as a Comprehensive Stroke center, a Primary Stroke Center or an Acute Stroke Ready Hospital. The Department of Health and Human Services shall compile and maintain a list of hospitals which meet the criteria, adopt and promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the act, adopt and distribute a nationally recognized, standardized stroke triage assessment tool, and develop a plan for achieving continuous quality improvement. Emergency medical service protocols will be developed. A task force shall be established by the department to address matters of triage, treatment, and transport of stroke patients.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Roy Baker