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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB817

Chairperson: Senator Jim Scheer

Committee: Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Date of Hearing: February 02, 2016

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

LB 817 creates the Direct Primary Care Agreement Act. LB 817 is enabling legislation stating direct primary care agreements, which meet the requirements of the act, do not constitute insurance.

Direct Primary Care is a medical care delivery model between a patient and a primary care practitioner (physician or licensed nurse practitioner). The patient-practitioner relationship generally includes an agreement where a patient pays a monthly retainer for unlimited consults and an annual physical. Direct Primary Care enhances the patient-practitioner relationship.

Direct Primary Care is an innovative health care reform model which can improve access to medical care, reduce the use of emergency departments for non-emergent primary care use and reduce health care costs.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Merv Riepe