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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB849

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:

The purpose of LB 849 is to facilitate caregiver transitions when a patient leaves a hospital following a hospital stay.

Under the bill, a patient or patient's legal guardian will have the opportunity to designate a caregiver upon admission to the hospital. If a patient chooses to designate a caregiver, the hospital shall notify the caregiver of the patient's discharge or transfer as soon as practicable which may be after the physician issues a discharge or transfer order.

As part of the discharge, the hospital shall also describe the patient's aftercare needs post-release or transfer in the discharge plan. This includes a description of any aftercare tasks as well as a demonstration of the aftercare tasks. The hospital shall also provide an opportunity for the caregiver to ask any questions about the aftercare tasks as part of the discharge planning process.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Sue Crawford