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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB284

Chairperson: Senator Merv Riepe

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 20, 2017

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

In November 2014 the Child Care and Developmental Block Grant Act was signed into law. The law reauthorizes the Child Care and Developmental Fund (CCDF) and requires major changes that impact the use of CCDF funds.

One of those changes is to require federal criminal background checks for all licensed child care program licensees, staff and applicable household members. This requirement applies to all licensed programs, not just child care programs that receive CCDF funds. LB 284 gives the Department of Health and Human Services authority to require federal criminal background checks for all licensed child care programs and those child care providers who receive federal subsidy funds.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Merv Riepe