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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB702

Chairperson: Senator Merv Riepe

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 26, 2018

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

The federal government issued a new regulation in late 2016 mandating changes in the Child Support Enforcement Program. This federal regulation is in conflict with two areas of Child Support Enforcement: 1.) State law regarding custody orders for children covered under Medicaid and other needs-based health care programs that are not considered to have health care coverage; and 2.) Child support is not currently reduced when a parent is incarcerated.

LB 702 bill will recognize that children covered under Medicaid and other needs-based health care programs do, in fact, have health care coverage. It will also update statutes to require notice by the State to individuals who will be incarcerated for more than 180 days of a right to review and modify their child support order.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mark Kolterman