

**One Hundred Fifth Legislature - Second Session - 2018**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB787**

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**Chairperson: Senator Merv Riepe**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 01, 2018**

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

LB 787 clarifies and defines patrimony, in regards to the Medical Assistance Act, as “any funds held on behalf of, but not available for expenditure by, a member of a religious order who has taken a lifetime vow of poverty”. Additionally, LB 787 states that the Department of Health and Human Services will consider patrimony as unavailable to an individual in the determination of the individual’s income for eligibility for the medical assistance program.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Bob Krist