

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

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB862**

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**Chairperson: Senator Merv Riepe**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 22, 2018**

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

LB 862 enacts the Prescription Drug Transparency Act. This Act is intended to promote transparency of the cost of manufacturing prescription pharmaceuticals. The Act would require that a manufacturer of a prescription drug notify certain parties such as insurance companies and health providers in the event that a cost increase on prescription drugs with a wholesale cost of forty dollars for one course of therapy is to increase more than sixteen percent in a prescribed period of time. LB 862 also assigns reporting requirements and publishing of such cost increases by the Department of Administrative Services.

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

Senator Sara Howard