

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2019**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB347**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday March 20, 2019  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Murman  
**One Liner:** Exempt reflexology from licensure under the Massage Therapy Practice Act

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 7 Senators Arch, Cavanaugh, Hansen, B., Howard, Murman, Walz, Williams

**Nay:**

**Absent:**

**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Dave Murman  
Cyndi Smith  
Mary Ann Soltis  
Christine Issel  
Jane Bies  
Anne Steinhoff  
Nicole Fox

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Self  
Self  
American Reflexology Certification Board  
Self  
Self  
Platte Institute

**Opponents:**

Vyanne Zink  
Kim Adams Johnson

**Representing:**

American Massage Therapy Association  
Licensed Massage Therapists

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 347 amends the Massage Therapy Practice Act, specifically the provisions in section 38-1708, which exempts certain groups from licensure under the Act.

LB 347 inserts a new subsection (5) into 38-1708 to exempt from licensure individuals engaged in the practice of reflexology whose practice is limited to the application of specific pressure by the practitioner's hands, thumbs, or fingers to the soft tissue of the hands, feet, and outer ears and whose services are not designated as or implied to be massage or massage therapy. (Page 2, lines 20-24.)

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Sara Howard, Chairperson