

One Hundred Sixth Legislature - Second Session - 2020

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1149

Chairperson: Senator Sara Howard

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 06, 2020

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

LB 1149 is intended to improve programming and quality of care for youth committed to the Office of Juvenile Services (OJS), by:

- 1) Requiring the provision of evidence-based treatment and the operation of the two Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Facilities in accordance with evidence-based policies, practices and procedures;
- 2) Mandating that in-person visits and communication with family shall not be limited as a consequence or sanction for youth placed at a YRTC;
- 3) Connecting OJS wardship to other provisions of code providing protection and support for state wards; and
- 4) Limiting OJS authority to contract for alternative placements for youth committed to a YRTC facility.

LB 1149 also strikes outdated language.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tony Vargas