

One Hundred Sixth Legislature - Second Session - 2020

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1170

Chairperson: Senator Sara Howard

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 26, 2020

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

LB1170 seeks to address the disparity in maternal and infant mortality rates faced by black mothers and other people of color by requiring implicit bias training for healthcare providers, expanding Medicaid eligibility to include postpartum mothers, and making doula services reimbursable for Medicaid recipients.

It also creates a pilot program to provide housing assistance and home visits for expectant or new mothers.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Machaela Cavanaugh