

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB66

Chairperson: Senator Justin Wayne

Committee: Urban Affairs

Date of Hearing: January 29, 2019

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

LB66 requires cities to include an early childhood element in comprehensive plans before January 1, 2022, either when they create a new plan or when they update an existing plan.

The early childhood element would have three requirements: 1) an assessment of the supply of quality licensed early childhood education programs for children under six, 2) an evaluation of the availability and utilization of licensed child care capacity and quality for children under six, and 3) promotion of early childhood health and education measures that benefit the community.

Cities are required to develop and release comprehensive plans under current law in order to adopt zoning regulations. LB 66 would add early childhood education to the list of already required elements which include the issues of land use, transportation, community facilities, energy, and annexation.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Matt Hansen, M.