

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB119

Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 11, 2021

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

The reason and purpose of LB 119 is to improve the opportunities for women who are incarcerated, and youth in the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center to bond with their newborns. Where a facility has a nursery program the goal is to maximize the use of that program and to better inform the incarcerated women and their families of the policies and guidelines of the nursery program by making the policies public. Where there is no nursery program but the woman wants to provide breast milk for the child, to allow and facilitate that situation in order for caretakers of the child to pick up the breast milk for the child.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Machaela Cavanaugh