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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB238

Chairperson: Senator John Arch

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 10, 2021

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

The purpose of LB 238 is to implement a supplemental payment program through the state Medicaid agency for public ambulance providers. The federal government recognizes that the Medicare and Medicaid rates for ground emergency medical transport may not meet the actual costs of providing the services for these providers which results in an extra burden on local taxpayers who must then subsidize the public ambulance providers. The program takes into account the providers' actual costs in providing ground emergency medical transport services to produce a supplemental payment to help bridge the gap between the reimbursement rates and the actual costs. Participation in the Ground Emergency Transport Program will be optional to the local agencies and the program is intended to be budget neutral to the state Medicaid agency through an accompanying reimbursement of the costs associated with the operation of the program.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike McDonnell