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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB376

Chairperson: Senator John Arch

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 18, 2021

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

LB 376 would authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to apply for a waiver to administer a pilot family support program which is a home and community-based services program. The Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities created in section 83-1212.01 would develop and guide the implementation of the pilot family support program. The pilot family support program would be administered by the Division of Developmental Disabilities of the Department of Health and Human Services.

A family support waiver as proposed in this bill will supplement the continuum of developmental disability services and other state programming for children with disabilities, remediate current program gaps, decrease the state's current waiting list for home and community-based services, and offer a pathway for children with disabilities to gain access to the medical assistance program and capped long-term services and supports; and provide support to family caregivers allowing them to remain in the workforce which in turn allows the state to benefit from the family caregivers' private health insurance as a first payer.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Machaela Cavanaugh