## **One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

LB645

**Chairperson: Senator John Arch** 

**Committee: Health and Human Services** 

Date of Hearing: February 04, 2021

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

LB 645 provides for a higher punishable offense for local and state level public officials who pass Directed Health Measures and who are found in violation of the DHM that they sign off on.

LB 645 provides for a triple fine for violations of directed health measures committed by public officials involved in passing such measures.

LB 645 states if a violation of the directed health measure is punishable as a criminal offense, then the penalty will double as such by the imposition of the next higher penalty classification than the penalty classification prescribed for such violation.

LB 645 states that a Public official includes any official of a county, district, or city-county health department as defined in section 71-1626, an official within the Department of Health and Human Services, the Governor, a mayor, a city manager, or any other official who signs, authorizes, or enacts a directed health measure.

Principal Introducer:

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