

**ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2012**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB1062**

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**Hearing Date:** Thursday February 02, 2012  
**Committee On:** Health and Human Services  
**Introducer:** Nordquist  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to adoption assistance

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 7 Senators Bloomfield, Campbell, Cook, Gloor, Howard, Krist, Lambert  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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<b>Proponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
Senator Jeremy Nordquist	District #7
Jessyca Vandercoy	Right Turn
Jane Corkill	Right Turn

<b>Opponents:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
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<b>Neutral:</b>	<b>Representing:</b>
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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 1062 requires that before a final decree of adoption is issued the department and adoptive parents enter into a written adoption assistance agreement stating the terms of assistance.

The bill provides that the payment of adoption assistance ceases upon death of the adoptive parents except (1) in cases when the adoption assistance need continues and the agreement provides for assignment to a guardian or conservator or (2) for up to six month pending the appointment of a guardian or conservator or the child is placed in temporary custody.

Payment of adoption assistance shall cease upon placement of the child with the department or child placement agency.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The Committee Amendment:

Strikes "or the child placement agency" from Section 1 in the bill because private agencies can not do adoption assistance agreements.

Adds "and designating a guardian for the child in case of the death of the adoptive parent or parents." Section 2 of LB 1062 explicitly states the continuance of the adoption subsidy in the case of the death of any adoptive parent requires that the adoption assistance agreement "provides for assignment to a guardian or conservator." Therefore the

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amendment inserts that the assignment of a guardian be required in the adoption assistance agreement.

Strikes references to sections that do not pertain specifically to the state adoption subsidy program.

Adds language to provide uniformity regarding the death of "parent or parents."

Removes "the need for assistance continues and" because the adoption agreement specifies that assistance is required to meet the child's special needs.

Specifies the section that is referenced that ceases upon placement of the child with the department or a child placement agency.

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Kathy Campbell, Chairperson