

One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB604

Chairperson: Senator John Wightman

Committee: Executive Board

Date of Hearing: February 17, 2011

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

LB 604 adopts the Private Attorney Retention Sunshine Act and applies to contracts between private attorneys and the Attorney General exceeding fifty thousand dollars. Under this Act, the Attorney General shall not retain a private attorney or law firm to perform legal services exceeding fifty thousand dollars on behalf of the state until an open and competitive bidding process has been undertaken.

At the conclusion of the legal services contract the private attorney or law firm shall provide the Attorney General with a statement of the hours worked, expenses incurred, aggregate fee amount and a breakdown of the hourly rate. In no event shall the state incur legal fees greater than one thousand dollars per hour for legal services. LB 604 also includes a severability clause.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Danielle Conrad