

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB265

Chairperson: Senator Les Seiler

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 27, 2015

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

LB 265 is intended to provide information on children and juveniles in out-of-home care to the Inspector General of Child Welfare and the Foster Care Review Office, which are charged with keeping track of children and juveniles in out-of-home care. The bill is also intended to establish a pilot project to demonstrate how a data warehouse could be created and used by state offices charged with accounting for the status of children and juveniles in out-of-home care, regardless of whether such children or juveniles entered out-of-home care through the Department of Health and Human Services or through court-involvement. The pilot project would include the creation of an advisory group to report on the pilot project by December 15, 2015. LB 265 also includes requirements for guardians ad litem as regards the child welfare and juvenile justice systems.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Kathy Campbell