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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB46

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 29, 2015

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

LB 46 updates language regarding the accreditation of rehabilitation centers in the state, as it specifically relates to the rehabilitation of trauma patients. The revised language will accept both Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) and The Joint Commission Accreditation as rehabilitation accrediting bodies for rehabilitation centers in the state. The bill updates the definition of rehabilitation services into a definition of current practice and defines the levels of rehabilitation to include advanced, intermediate, and general levels. These levels correspond with either CARF or The Joint Commission Accreditation. LB 46 allows the Department of Health and Human Services to designate a hospital, facility, rehabilitation center or specialty level burn or pediatric trauma center as an advanced, intermediate, or general level rehabilitation trauma center if such facility submits either verification or accreditation documentation from a recognized independent verification or accreditation body or public agency.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Dan Watermeier