

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1223

Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: March 03, 2022

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

LB 1223 would require the Department of Health and Human Services to reimburse counties at \$100 per day for costs for lodging defendants after the first 30 days when those individuals remain in a county correctional facility awaiting transfer to the Lincoln Regional Center for competency restoration;

Second, it clarifies admission to the regional center are those reasons already existing under current statute at 83-338 and adds defendants who are determined by a court to be incompetent to stand trial;

Third, LB 1223 mandates that State Hospitals for the mentally ill shall include minimum levels of beds for differing reasons for commitments totaling 200 beds; and

Fourth, it requires an annual report to be provided by the Director of the Division of Behavioral Health and CEO of the Department of Health and Human Services system and to present that report and testify at a public hearing convened by the Judiciary and Appropriations Committee of the Legislature.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Matt Hansen