

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2024

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1100

Chairperson: Senator Ben Hansen

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 21, 2024

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

Legislative Bill 1100 proposes to amend the state plan as first outlined in LB 578, signed into law in 2017. LB 578, as amended by LB 1100, provides for a higher Medicaid reimbursement rate for ground emergency medical transports in an effort to pay closer to the actual cost.

Most of those unreimbursed costs are currently falling on local taxpayers. This bill recognizes that medical care occurs during the emergency transport, and the bill will provide reimbursement to public and non-profit emergency transporters. The funding source is all federal funding and requires no state funds.

Participation in the Ground Emergency Transport Program will be optional to the local agencies. The Department of Health and Human Services may recoup any of its administrative costs associated with this program from the enhanced federal reimbursement.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike McDonnell