



**Hundredth Legislature - Second Session - 2008**  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 954**

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**Chairperson:** Joel Johnson  
**Committee:** Health and Human Services  
**Date of Hearing:** February 7, 2008

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

LB 954 amends the current law which governs testing for the presence of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), to eliminate the need for a special written informed consent if a person has signed a general consent form for the performance of medical tests or procedures.

This change is necessary to enable health care providers to provide medical care which is consistent with current guidelines for diagnosis and treatment. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have recommended that separate written consent for HIV testing should not be required for patients in all health-care settings; instead, general consent for medical care should be considered sufficient to encompass consent for HIV testing.

**Principal Introducer:**

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