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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB625

Chairperson: Senator Deb Fischer

Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

Date of Hearing: February 28, 2011

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

LB625 amends statute relating to drunk driving in two respects.

First, it requires a court to order one convicted of drunk driving to obtain an ignition interlock permit and install an ignition interlock device on his or her vehicle(s). Presently, a court has the ability to order an impoundment of the convicted person's license on their first offense and has discretion to not order interlocks at any level of offense. Clarification of the law under LB625 would improve use of interlock devices and provide for greater uniformity in sentencing.

Second, LB 625 creates an additional Class IV felony penalty in cases in which the driver is under the influence with a child passenger.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tony Fulton