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Introducer's Statement of Intent

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Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

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

LB 344 creates an exception to the long-term care bed moratorium in section 71-5829.04 (1) (b) for long-term care facilities developed and licensed by a political subdivision or nonprofit organization in a city of the second class or village if specific conditions are met.

The exception to the moratorium applies when all long-term care beds in a city of the second class or village were sold or transferred to a facility or facilities located outside a 25 mile radius from the city or village resulting in no long-term care beds within the corporate limits of the city of the second class or village

LB 344 contains three additional provisions: the number of beds allowed under the exception would be the same as the number of licensed beds sold or transferred out of the city of the second class or village; new beds licensed under the exception could not be sold for five years after first occupancy and; additional beds above the number of licensed beds sold or transferred could not be added under subdivision (3) of section 71-5829.03 for five years after first occupancy.

Principal Introducer:	
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Senator Kate Sullivan