

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB709

Chairperson: Senator Les Seiler

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: January 20, 2016

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

LB 709 is predominately a code clean-up bill occurring in 3 parts:

1. Provides a definition for a term used in the juvenile code. The definition of "alternatives to detention" is aligned with national best practice, and is consistent with the definition in use by Community Based Aid grant funding evaluation and the Juvenile Detentions Alternative Initiative definitions committee.
2. Inserts the term "alternatives to detention" in the appropriate places in statute, striking and removing reference to an old term ("nonsecure detention") that currently creates confusion.
3. Brings the language defining "staff secure placement" out of chapter 83 and places it directly in to the list of terms in the juvenile code, without changing an existing statutory language.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Sara Howard