

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB122

Chairperson: Senator Laura Ebke

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 09, 2017

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

LB122 allows family members to remain connected to one another by establishing that a caregiver, whether related or not, may not arbitrarily deny visitation between an adult resident of a health care facility, home or residential dwelling and family members of that resident.

If a family member is being denied visitation with a resident, the family member may petition the district court for the county in which the resident resides to compel visitation with the resident. The court may not issue an order compelling visitation if the court finds the resident, while having the capacity to evaluate and communicate decisions regarding visitation, expresses a desire not to have visitation with the petitioner or if visitation is not in the best interests of the individual.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Patty Pansing Brooks