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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB495

Chairperson: Senator Merv Riepe

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 09, 2017

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

LB 495 amends state law to bring the Department of Health and Human Services into compliance with federal requirements to prioritize funding for services based on health and safety. Current statutes are in conflict with federal requirements for wait list management. LB 495 will allow the Department to maximize federal funding for Home and Community Based Services for persons with developmental disabilities.

LB 495 updates the definitions in the Developmental Disability Court-Ordered Custody Act to harmonize language in the Developmental Disabilities Services Act to provide consistency in the Department of Health and Human Services' role to serve individuals with developmental disabilities meeting Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled institutional level of care.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Merv Riepe