

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB578

Chairperson: Senator Merv Riepe

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing:

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

The purpose of LB 578 is to initiate a state plan amendment to allow for a higher Medicaid reimbursement rate for ground emergency medical transports. Most of those costs are currently falling on local taxpayers. This bill recognizes that medical care occurs during the emergency transport and will reimburse public and non-profit emergency transporters at the same rate that hospitals and other medical providers are currently being reimbursed at. Participation in the Ground Emergency Transport Program will be optional to the local agencies.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike McDonnell