

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB240

Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 20, 2019

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

LB240 allows a judge to commit a defendant who is incompetent to stand trial to the Department of Health and Human Services for treatment at a facility other than one that is state-owned and operated. This includes a private facility, a facility (other than a jail) operated by a political subdivision, or on an outpatient basis at these facilities. A defendant would not be eligible for outpatient treatment if they are charged with an offense for which bail is prohibited or if the public's safety would be at risk.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Matt Hansen, M.