

**Legislature - First Session - 2019**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB529**

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**Chairperson: Senator Lou Ann Linehan**

**Committee: Revenue**

**Date of Hearing: February 28, 2019**

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

LB 529 changes provisions with respect to the property tax exemption for hospitals. The bill establishes that hospitals must permit licensed medical practitioners in the community to use hospital facilities regardless of whether the practitioner is employed by the hospital. A hospital may prohibit a licensed medical practitioner from using its facilities if good cause is shown.

In addition, LB 529 accomplishes the following:

- Sets property tax exemption for hospitals in proportion to the percentage of services provided gratuitously.
- Requires hospitals to establish the percentage of services provided gratuitously by documenting gross revenue from the most recent fiscal year and an estimate of the value of services provided gratuitously during that year.
- Designates the applicable county assessor as the recipient of the required documentation.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Mike Groene