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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB271

Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 17, 2021

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

LB 271 creates the 24/7 Sobriety Program Act, which coordinates efforts to find alternatives to incarceration for offenses that involve operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

The Act allows counties to create and implement 24/7 sobriety programs where participants are tested twice daily at designated testing facilities for evidence of alcohol or drug consumption in place of incarceration or other conditions of bond. It would allow participants, as a condition of their bond, to apply for a 24/7 permit, which would allow them to continue to drive to school, work, and the testing facility during the pendency of their DUI case.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Adam Morfeld