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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB296

Chairperson: Senator John Arch

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 27, 2021

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

LB296 provides for the release of medical records for patients at state institutions for the purposes of coordinating a transfer or discharge to community providers.

LB296 allows the institution to share records in a similar manner to what is allowable by the Health Insurance and Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and practiced in private facilities. Currently, institutions are subject to restrictions more onerous than those required by HIPAA.

This change will allow DHHS to work with community providers to determine the appropriate treatment for a patient and discharge patients in a timely manner

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Ben Hansen, B.