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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB697

Chairperson: Senator John Arch

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 20, 2022

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

Section 125 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (CAA) created the Rural Emergency Hospital (REH) model as a new Medicare provider type. The designation is effective as of January 1, 2023. The REH model will offer the opportunity for current Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) and rural Prospective Payment System (PPS) hospitals with fewer than 50 beds to convert to REH status to furnish certain outpatient hospital services in rural areas, including emergency department and observation services.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mark Kolterman