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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB149

Chairperson: Senator Robert Clements

Committee: Appropriations

Date of Hearing: March 23, 2023

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

The intent of LB149 is to direct the Department of Health and Human Services to rebase the per diem rates paid to behavioral health providers when providing inpatient care in psychiatric facilities, hospital-based psychiatric units, and psychiatric residential facilities.

Rebasing means adjusting the base amount using more recent claims data, cost report data, and other relevant reimbursement information.

A rebasing of these behavioral health rates has not taken place since 1993.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike Jacobson