

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB433

Chairperson: Senator Ben Hansen

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 09, 2023

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

LB433 adds needed budget flexibility for regional behavioral regions to allow local needs to be met. It requires that any appropriation to the behavioral health regions via the division of behavioral health aid be allowed to be used within approved annual budgets or by activities identified through need as demonstrated by the region through out the year. A regional behavioral health authority may move up to twenty percent within a service category to address emerging needs. If the amount exceeds twenty percent, a regional behavioral authority may request a transfer and a director of the division of behavioral health shall grant it unless it violates state or federal law. If a denial is issued, the region may appeal the decision through the Administrative Procedures Act.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike Jacobson