

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB500

Chairperson: Senator Ben Hansen

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 15, 2023

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

LB 500 amends language that began as LB 376, passed in 2022, authorizing the Department of Health and Human Services Division of Developmental Disabilities to apply for and implement a Medicaid waiver known as the Family Support Waiver. Due to a longer timeframe for application and implementation than originally anticipated, the independent evaluation of the program is changed from 2023 to 2025. A date was added for the first report from the Department to the Legislature beginning in December of 2024. The third change is the removal of the three-year time frame for the program because the short time frame has been deemed as detrimental to the CMS application.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Machaela Cavanaugh