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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1041

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 01, 2012

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

To eliminate administrative burdens and create greater efficiencies in the access to public benefit programs by:

1. requiring alignment of verification procedures across various public benefit programs to eliminated redundancies;
2. maintaining legislative oversight over public benefit administration by requiring the collection and reporting of data relating to access to public benefit programs and case closures.
3. coordinating renewals for public benefits by using the longest eligibility period allowable under federal law, renew programs simultaneously, and prevent case closings for reasons other than ineligibility;
4. allowing information used to determine eligibility for one public benefit program to be used to determine eligibility for others;
5. eliminating asset limits to the extent currently applied to eligibility for benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program;
6. broadening acceptable attestations for the purpose of determining eligibility for benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; and by,
7. expanding the use of federal, state, and commercial databases to verify eligibility for public benefit programs;

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tanya Cook