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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB534

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: March 03, 2011

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

LB 534 would allow for the adoption of the Phototherapy Practice Act and the creation of a three-member Board of Phototherapy. The members of the board would be appointed by the Governor and their duties would include establishing an examination to determine the qualifications for an individual to be registered as a phototherapist and setting registration fees. The fees are to be set at a level sufficient for all actual and necessary expenses of the board.

The bill defines phototherapy as the provision of ultraviolet light to an individual for the treatment of a condition determined to be treatable by exposure to specific wavelengths of light. Registration as a phototherapist is voluntary, but no individual shall hold himself or herself as a registered phototherapist unless registered under the provisions of the act. An individual registered under the act shall be considered a medical professional in this state only and for the sole and limited purpose of providing phototherapy.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Jim Smith