

**One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB539**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 09, 2011**

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

LB 539 is introduced by the Health and Human Services in response to the LR 542 process as an option for addressing the budget deficit .

LB 539 requires the department, no later than July 1, 2011, to submit a state plan amendment or waiver to CMS to limit Medicaid payments for emergency room visits for adults to twelve per year. Emergency room visits that result in inpatient admission shall not be counted towards the limit of twelve visits.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator**