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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB505

Chairperson: Senator Mike Gloor

Committee: Banking, Commerce and Insurance

Date of Hearing:

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

LB 505 requires insurance plans in this State (except disease-specific and self-funded employee plans) to provide coverage of behavioral health treatment administered by a board certified behavior analyst or licensed psychologist for the purpose screening for, diagnosing and treating autism. Required coverage amounts are as follows:

- A maximum of \$70,000 per year for the first 3 years of treatment.
- A maximum of \$20,000 per year for the remaining years of treatment until the patient is 21 years old.

For plans purchased on the Affordable Healthcare Act Exchange, these benefits shall not exceed those prescribed in such Exchange plan.

In addition, a small employer with a group health plan may receive a waiver from such requirements if he/she can demonstrate to the Director of Insurance that such requirements have resulted in a 2.5% increase in the policy's costs over a calendar year.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Colby Coash