

One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB556

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 14, 2013

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

The intent of LB 556 is to help parents access behavioral healthcare for their children, reduce the time that a child spends out of the classroom, address the shared community goal of keeping children healthy and in school, provide access to medical and mental health specialists to rural and/or undeserved areas that may not otherwise have access at locations convenient for the family.

LB 556 will increase early detection of potential mental illness in children and provide parents with information regarding this potential mental illness. The bill will expand community based behavioral healthcare programs so that more children and families may have access to these services.

LB 556 provides that telehealth services may be administered in a way that is less expensive and more efficient so that more patients can be served.

LB 556 creates a team to implement the bill and make future recommendations. The intent of this provision is to create a mechanism for community involvement.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Amanda McGill