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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 1231

Chairperson: Jim Jensen
Committee: Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing: February 8, 2006

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

LB 1231 establishes an Office of Minority Health (office) within the Department of Health and Human Services (department). The department currently maintains an Office of Minority Health. LB 1231 would establish the office in state law.

Section 1 provides purposes and duties for the office.

Section 2 requires the office to establish a satellite office of minority health in each congressional district to “coordinate and administer state policy relating to minority health.” Duties of the satellite offices are provided. Each satellite office is required to “implement a minority health initiative in counties with a minority population of at least five percent of the total population of the county . . . which shall target, but not be limited to, infant mortality, cardiovascular disease, obesity, diabetes, and asthma.” Each satellite office is required to submit to the department an annual report, by October 1, of such initiatives. The department is required to submit the reports to the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature annually by December 1. These provisions are transferred from section 71-1628.07, which is outright repealed.

Section 3 creates the Minority Health Advisory Committee, consisting of 21 members appointed by the director of the department for staggered three-year terms. The committee is required to meet at least quarterly, or more frequently at the call of the director. Purposes for the committee are provided.

Section 4 outright repeals section 71-1628.07.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Jim Jensen