



Ninety-Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2006  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 869**

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**Chairperson:** Jim Jensen  
**Committee:** Health and Human Services  
**Date of Hearing:** January 25, 2006

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

Section one of the bill place a floor under reimbursement rate increases for ICF-MR by tying them to the skilled Nursing Facility Market Basket Index which is a nationally recognized index for nursing facility costs.

In 2004, the legislature approved an ICF-MR provider tax that is paid by the only not-for-profit ICF-MR facility in the state. The money generated by this tax was used for annual disbursements to the ICF-MR for credit to the payment rates, community based programs with the remainder of the funds going to the General Fund.

LB 820 amends section 68-1804 relating to the ICF/MR provider tax by striking the current allocation of \$300,000 to the ICF-MR and 312,000 for community based service and replaces it with a rate of twenty five percent.

The percent rate allows for a reimbursement that will fluctuate with the growth of the net revenue.

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