

**One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB225**

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**Chairperson: Senator Merv Riepe**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 01, 2017**

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

LB 225 would extend the Alternative Response pilot program until December 31, 2020 to allow the Department of Health and Human Services to complete the proper evaluations and statewide expansion requirements outlined by their federal waiver. LB 225 also requires the Department to provide an analysis of the challenges, barriers and opportunities that may occur if the alternative response implementation plan is made permanent, and provides that child advocacy centers, along with law enforcement and county attorneys, may access appropriate information regarding cases of suspected child abuse and neglect.

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

Senator Sue Crawford