

Chairperson:	Tim Gay
Committee:	Health and Human Services
Date of Hearing:	February 11, 2010

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

LB940 would require the Department of Health and Human Services to develop a drug testing program to screen applicants and recipients of cash assistance benefits under the Welfare Reform Act.

If an applicant or recipient is declared ineligible for benefits, he or she would be referred to a substance abuse treatment program by the Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Behavioral Health. He or she would also be ineligible for cash assistance benefits for one year.

Principal Introducer:

Senator Charlie Janssen