

One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB76

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing:

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

It is the intent of LB 76 to promote transparency in the cost and quality of health care services.

LB 76, the Health Care Transparency Act, establishes a Health Care Data Base Advisory Committee, with members to be appointed by the Director of Insurance, which shall make recommendations that:

- Include specific strategies to measure and collect data related to health care safety and quality, utilization, health outcomes, and cost;
- Focus on data elements that foster quality improvement and peer group comparisons;
- Facilitate value-based, cost-effective purchasing of health care services by public and private purchasers and consumers; and,
- Result in usable and comparable information that allows public and private health care purchasers, consumers, and data analysts to identify and compare health plans, health insurers, health care facilities, and health care providers regarding the provision of safe, cost-effective, high-quality health care services.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Jeremy Nordquist