

**One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB980**

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**Chairperson: Senator Les Seiler**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: February 10, 2016**

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

LB 980 changes penalty provisions relating to or committed by persons experiencing or witnessing a drug overdose if they request emergency medical assistance for himself or herself or another person as soon as the emergency situation is reasonably apparent. They must be the first person to make a request for medical assistance, remain on the scene until help arrives and must cooperate with medical assistance and law enforcement personnel.

If they do all of the above they will not be charged with possession of a controlled substance under subsection (3) of 28-416 or of paraphernalia under section 28-441.

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

Senator Adam Morfeld