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

LB 417 permits the Department of Health and Human Services to continue using Alternative Response to help families with a low-risk of child abuse and neglect to receive the local services needed to keep children safe.

It provides technical changes to existing statutes relating to health and human services, operational efficiencies and improvements within the Department.

This bill also provides technical changes to the behavioral health peer support program, reporting requirements, Quality Review Team under the Developmental Disabilities Services Act, nursing assistant statutes, vital records and senior companion volunteers.

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