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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB61

Chairperson: Senator Merv Riepe

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 19, 2017

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

LB61 creates the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact which offers a new, expedited pathway to licensure for qualified physicians who wish to practice in multiple states, increasing health care for patients in underserved or rural areas and allowing them to more easily connect with medical experts through the use of telemedicine technologies.

The Compact is based on several key principles, which include: developing a comprehensive process that complements the existing licensing and regulatory authority of state medical boards; creating another pathway for licensure that does not otherwise change a state's existing medicine and surgery practice act; adopting the prevailing standard for licensure, affirming that the practice of medicine occurs where the patient is located at the time of the patient-physician encounter; requiring the physician to be under the jurisdiction of the state medical board where the patient is located; ensuring that the state medical boards that participate in the compact retain the jurisdiction; and creating the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Commission.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mark Kolterman