

**Legislature - First Session - 2019**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB226**

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**Chairperson: Senator John Stinner**

**Committee: Appropriations**

**Date of Hearing: March 26, 2019**

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

LB 226 will appropriate \$3,948,965 from the General Fund to the Department of Health and Human Services to hire and train staff at the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Kearney and the Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center-Geneva. The purpose of the appropriation is to maintain a youth-staff ratio of no greater than eight to one at any given time without use of mandatory overtime, to provide evidence-based programming and mental health treatment for youth, and to provide re-entry planning and transition supports and services for the youth exiting treatment.

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

Senator Dan Quick