

One Hundred Sixth Legislature - Second Session - 2020

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB849

Chairperson: Senator Sara Howard

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: January 31, 2020

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

LB849 clarifies legislative intent for eligibility in the Young Adult Bridge to Independence Program, which supports former state wards in transitioning to adulthood, becoming self-sufficient, and creating permanent relationships. Specifically, LB849 defines age of eligibility as nineteen years of age or younger or eighteen years of age if the young adult has become ineligible for participation in a tribal court due to attaining 18 years of age.

The change extends eligibility for the Bridge to Independence program to native youth aging out of Tribal Court proceedings at the age of majority as defined by the Tribe, to mend the year gap in supports between ages 18 and 19 due to the State age of majority.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Patty Pansing Brooks