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

LB 963 permits but does not require first responders to take resiliency training to help prevent or mitigate the mental injury from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and provides a means for establishing a prima facia case of PTSD due to cumulative injury or stress. The bill establishes who may diagnose PTSD. It also allows for reimbursement of training by the Critical Incident Stress Management Program and the Department of Health and Human Services.

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