

# **One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB489**

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**Chairperson: Senator Tom Brewer**

**Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs**

**Date of Hearing: March 04, 2021**

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

As introduced, LB 489 would require that prior to entering into a new proposed contract or renewing an existing contract for child welfare services or services to vulnerable adults that is in excess of \$15 million, the agency must conduct a proof-of-need analysis and a financial stability and service capability analysis.

AM 337 is a white-copy amendment that would replace the original provisions of LB 489. Under the amendment, a state official or state employee, except for an employee of the Legislative Council, would be prohibited from testifying at a public hearing before the Legislature on any issue in any capacity other than neutral, unless such state official or state employee is on unpaid leave from state employment for the duration of the public hearing.

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

**Senator Justin Wayne**