

# **One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025**

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

### **LB655**

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**Chairperson: Senator Brian Hardin**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 21, 2025**

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

LB 655 establishes and protects the right of conscience for health care providers and payors by:

- Allowing a provider or payor the right to opt out of participation or payment for a healthcare service based upon a sincerely held religious, moral, or ethical belief
- Creating notification requirements for healthcare providers opting out of a service
- Prohibiting any person, entity, or educational institution from discriminating against a provider or payor for declining to participate in a service based upon a conscience-based objection
- Prohibiting a board from taking action against a health care practitioner solely because they have spoken or written publicly about a health care service

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

**Senator Dave Murman**