

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB722

Chairperson: Senator Brian Hardin

Committee: Health and Human Services

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

LB 722 amends §71-812 to allow use of the Behavioral Health Services fund to support individuals with substance use disorder, not just those with serious mental illness. It also adds a definition of “substance use disorder” by referencing §71-430 and clarifies that “serious mental illness” does not include standalone diagnoses of substance use disorder, DSM v-codes, or developmental disability unless concurrent with a mental illness.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Dan Quick