

# **One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026**

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

**LB724**

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**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 724 requires the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a an official cost study related to behavioral health services providing both the administration and legislature a clear understanding of the actual cost to providers. That comparison can aid in future decisions related to setting of behavioral health service rates. The cost study shall be conducted during the interim and completed by September 1, 2026, with a final report to the legislature submitted no later than December 1, 2026.

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

**Senator Dan Quick**