

**One Hundred Second Legislature - First Session - 2011**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB51**

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**Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: January 26, 2011**

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

Legislative Bill 51 requires health clinics to have a patient transfer agreement in effect with a local hospital licensed under the Health Care Facility Licensure Act, establishes criteria necessary for the hospital to accept patients from health clinics, and allows clinical privileges for the physicians performing surgery at the health clinic. It, also, requires that a patient transfer agreement address procedures for appropriate transfer of patients, continuity of care, and support for maintaining emergency capacity, including on-call coverage.

This bill exempts any public health clinics operated by the Department of Health and Human Services, any county, city-county, or multi-county health department from this requirement.

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

**Senator Bob Krist, District 10**