

**One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB425**

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**Chairperson: Senator Heath Mello**

**Committee: Appropriations**

**Date of Hearing: March 26, 2013**

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

LB 425 states legislative intent that 50% of the appropriation from the Health Care Cash Fund to be used for community-based mental health and substance abuse services in the state's behavioral health regions be used for prevention and intervention services for at-risk children and youth and their families.

For purposes of the bill, "at-risk child or youth" means any child or youth whose mental health, substance abuse, or behavioral issues have resulted or may potentially result in the child or youth being provided care by or being under the supervision of the child welfare system or the juvenile justice system.

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

**Senator Kathy Campbell**