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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB605

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 14, 2013

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

LB 605 creates a Telehealth Behavioral Services Program within the Department of Health and Human Services. This program must be fully implemented by January 1, 2015.

The division would contract with telehealth service providers to provide behavioral health services to at-risk youth in juvenile detention centers, juvenile justice programs, juvenile justice facilities and both in-home and out-of-home residential placements and services.

Telehealth service providers would include clinical psychologists, licensed mental health practitioners, psychiatrists and psychiatric advanced practice registered nurses.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Pete Pirsch