## One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

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

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**Chairperson: Senator Heath Mello** 

**Committee: Appropriations** 

Date of Hearing: March 17, 2015

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

Appropriate funds to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Behavioral Health, Program 38, Behavioral Health Aide for the purpose of providing housing services to support persons recovering from substance abuse disorders.

Support evidence-based practices that conform to nationally recognized standards for residential treatment for persons recovering from substance abuse disorders.

Increase access to residential treatment for persons recovering from substance abuse disorders in geographic areas of the state with demonstrable need.

Support the administrative needs of providing housing services to persons recovering from substance abuse disorders.

| <b>Principal Introducer:</b> |  |
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**Senator Tanya Cook**