

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB490

Chairperson: Senator Kathy Campbell

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 18, 2015

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

LB 490 adopts the Provider Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment Act. A Provider Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) is a medical order, signed by a medical provider, resulting from detailed conversation between a patient and health care professionals. A POLST is voluntary and is intended for individuals with advanced illness or frailty.

The Department of Health and Human Services is directed to adopt rules and regulations establishing a standardized format for a POLST form, which is detailed in the legislation. In consultation with health care provider advocacy organizations, the department is to also develop standards for training health care professionals and educating the public on the use of the form.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Dan Watermeier