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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB676

Chairperson: Senator Laura Ebke

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: January 17, 2018

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

Existing law allows for inmates at the Department of Correctional Services to be released in the community on a temporary basis for certain limited purposes. These purposes include attending a funeral of a relative; contacting a potential employer; or even going to work outside a prison facility on a work release basis.

Legislative Bill 676 would authorize inmates to be released to obtain substance abuse evaluations or treatment, to attend rehabilitative programming or treatment, to seek residency or employment, or to participate in structured programming as required by the Department of Correctional Services. The intent of broadening these temporary and supervised release provisions is to provide more options for offenders to obtain the programming and treatment necessary for release on parole.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Bob Krist