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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB866

Chairperson: Senator Merv Riepe

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 14, 2018

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

LB 866 builds on an existing statutory process for rules and regulations to provide a time period for legislative consideration of certain Medicaid waivers before they are submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Substantive waiver changes pertaining to the establishment of premiums, copayments, or deductibles for eligible recipients; limits on the amount, duration, or scope of covered services for eligible recipients; or requirements for recipients of medical assistance as a necessary condition for the continued receipt of such assistance would not become effective until the conclusion of the earliest regular session of the Legislature in which there has been a reasonable opportunity for legislative consideration.

LB 866 also clarifies what information is to be included by the Department of Health and Human Services in their existing annual report on waiver changes, and requires a public hearing on this report to be held by the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Sue Crawford