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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB885

Chairperson: Senator John Arch

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 25, 2022

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

The goals and purposes of LB 885 is to reduce or eliminate the factors and biases that cause disparities in health outcomes for women of color who are pregnant or postpartum. Black mothers in the United States are more likely to die during and after childbirth than Black mothers in any other developed country in the world. The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention statistics show that Black and Native American mothers die of pregnancy-related causes at a rate about three times higher than white women in the United States. Research indicates that as much as two-thirds of these deaths are preventable.

LB 885 would require annual implicit bias training for all health care professionals through their continuing education hours necessary to maintain their licenses.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Machaela Cavanaugh