

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB319

Chairperson: Senator Robert Clements

Committee: Appropriations

Date of Hearing: March 15, 2023

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

LB319 provides for a one-time transfer from the Cash Reserve Fund for child care and early childhood education. The legislation allocates ten million to the newly created Child Care Wages Fund to contract with a statewide organization to provide salary supplements to child care and early childhood education providers. The legislation goes on to allocate forty million to the newly created Child Care Capacity Expansion Fund to contract with a statewide organization to increase child care capacity in areas of need. Finally, LB319 allocates fifty million to the Early Childhood Education Endowment Cash Fund.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Eliot Bostar