

**One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB810**

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**Chairperson: Senator Ben Hansen**

**Committee: Health and Human Services**

**Date of Hearing: February 10, 2023**

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

LB 810 adopts the Medical Ethics and Diversity Act ("MED Act") to protect the right of conscience for medical practitioners, health care institutions, and health care payers by providing that no medical practitioner, health care institution, or health care payer should be compelled to participate in or pay for any medical procedure or prescribe or pay for any medication, which such person or entity objects to on the basis of conscience.

It is the purpose of the MED Act to protect medical practitioners, healthcare institutions, and health care payers from discrimination, punishment, or retaliation as a result of any instance of conscientious medical objection.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Dave Murman**