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HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

SB 2230

INTRODUCED BY:

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I AM HERE TO INTRODUCE SB 2230 THAT WOULD HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ESTABLISH AN ADOPTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HOME STUDY PROCESS.

THE PROGRAM WOULD ALLOW UP TO \$5,000 PER HOME STUDY AND THE DEPARTMENT WOULD ADOPT RULES TO ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY AND EXCLUSIONS FOR THE PROGRAM.

HOME STUDIES ARE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO DETERMINE A FAMILY'S READINESS TO ADOPT. THE STUDY CONSISTS OF DOCUMENTATION, HOME INSPECTION AND INTERVIEWS OF THE FAMILY MEMBERS. DOCUMENTATION WOULD INCLUDE FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION, BACKGROUND CHECKS, PROOF OF INSURANCE AND REFERENCES.

I SUPPORT SB 2230 AND WOULD ASK FOR A "DO PASS" RECOMMENDATION.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

SEN CLEMENS