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**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 352**

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**Chairperson:** Senator Jim Jensen  
**Committee:** Health and Human Services  
**Date of Hearing:** 2/12/99

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

LB 352 creates a Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired. This would remove the services to the visually impaired from the Department of Health and Human Services to this independent state agency. The commission would consist of five commissioners who would appoint a director. The director would employ the persons necessary to operate the commission. The responsibilities of the commission is to continue to provide the services in section seven. The commission is also responsible for the operation of a vending stand program.

LB 352 also creates a 15 member advisory council to advise the commission.

All property, equipment, supplies, personnel and fund balance from the current program is transferred to the commission on the operative date of this act.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator LaVon K. Crosby**