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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1102

Chairperson: Senator Abbie Cornett

Committee: Revenue

Date of Hearing: February 08, 2012

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

L.B. 1102 increases inheritance tax exemptions and lowers rates over time - time county officials can use to adjust their budgets after the loss of state aid last year and adjust for the reduction of inheritance tax revenues.

L.B. 1102 for close relatives, such as a father, mother, grandfather, brother, sister, son, daughter, child or an adopted child, etc., would increase the current exemptions from tax from \$40,000 to \$100,000 phased in over three years starting in 2014.

For relatives such as an aunt, uncle, niece, or nephew or the spouse or surviving spouse of such person, the tax rate will be reduced from 13 % to 9% phased in over three years starting in 2014 and double the current \$15,000 exemption over three years.

For all other persons that inherit from the estate, the rate would be reduced from 18% to 13% over three years and the exemption increased \$5,000 for each person per year over the same three year period.

These changes would update inheritance tax laws, make them fair and less burdensome.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator John Wightman

