



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 143

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: February 2, 2007

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

LB 143 would prohibit victims of sexual assault from being subjected to a polygraph examination or other truth-telling device by law enforcement or other government official as a condition of proceeding with an investigation of the sex offense.

The commencement or continuation of a sexual assault investigation cannot be conditioned upon a victim's willingness to submit to such testing.

LB 143 is good public policy. It is also necessary to maintain grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice—Office on Violence Against Women to implement important domestic violence programs.

The grant funds are distributed among the Nebraska Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalition, the Nebraska State Patrol and the Nebraska Department of Justice. Last year, the grants totaled \$487,372.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Vickie D. McDonald