One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB204

Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing:

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

LB204 would change the reporting requirements for those who observe or are involved in an incident involving animal abandonment, neglect, or mistreatment. The reporting requirements would require any person to report an incident twenty-four hours after the incident is observed and would require the person making the report to turn over any evidence of the incident, including video, photographs, or audio collected.

LB204 would also create penalties for an individual who makes a false statement or representation as part of an application to be employed at an animal facility with the intent of damaging or interfering with the operations of that animal facility. This includes the individual causing economic damage to the facility and its operations, placing a person or his or her immediate family in fear of death or serious bodily harm, or conspiring to perform either of these actions.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tyson Larson