

One Hundred Third Legislature - First Session - 2013

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB256

Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 20, 2013

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

LB 256 authorizes law enforcement to both charge offenders for various crimes *and* seize property related to those violations, without obstructing Nebraska's constitutional restrictions on double jeopardy. This moves asset forfeiture proceedings related to crimes from the criminal code to the civil code. The bill also extends the coverage of forfeiture proceedings to include additional crimes subject to forfeiture proceedings such as human trafficking.

Human trafficking is a market-based economy that exists on principles of supply and demand. It thrives due to conditions which allow for high profits to be generated at low risk. Human trafficking is the world's fastest growing criminal enterprise and is an estimated \$32 billion-a-year global industry. After drug trafficking, human trafficking is the world's second most profitable criminal enterprise.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Amanda McGill