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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB473

Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: March 13, 2013

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

Under current law, the Sexual Predator Residency Restriction Act allows a political subdivision to adopt regulations to restrict sexual predators from living within five hundred feet from a school or a child care facility. LB 473 would extend that authority to restrict residency near parks.

For the purpose of this bill a park is identified as a parcel of ground or a facility established by a political subdivision for recreational use by the public that covers at least twenty-five hundred square feet.

LB 143 does define a sexual predator of children as a sex offender who has been convicted of a crime listed in the section 29-4003 which involved the penetration of, direct genital touching of, oral to anal contact with, or oral to genital contact with a person under thirteen years of age.

As with current law, the restriction would not apply if the sexual predator had established a residence before the effective date of this act and has not moved from that residence; or established a residence after the effective date of this act and the park triggering the restriction was established after the initial date of the sexual predator who resides within a residence at that location.

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