

# **One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB459**

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**Chairperson: Senator Les Seiler**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: March 04, 2015**

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

LB 459 requires an agreement of the parties or approval of the court in order for a child to be deposed. This only applies if there is already a video recorded interview at a child advocacy center or police department and the child is under the age of sixteen at the time of the request.

LB 459 also creates a process for the court to consider whether a protective order is necessary during the deposition of a child witness or child victim to protect the child from emotional harm or harassment, undue influence or intimidation.

A protective order could include designating the time, place or manner of taking the deposition, allowing a victim advocate or other support person not a witness to the proceedings to be present, and limiting the scope of the deposition to certain matters as designated by the court.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Sue Crawford**