

ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2015
COMMITTEE STATEMENT (CORRECTED)
LB483

Hearing Date: Wednesday February 11, 2015
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Pansing Brooks
One Liner: Change provisions relating to indeterminate sentencing

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Chambers, Coash, Ebke, Krist, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Seiler, Williams

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Verbal Testimony:

Proponents:

SEN. PATTY PANSING BROOKS
SARAH NEWELL

JERRY SOUCIE
THOMAS STRIGENZ
ALAN PETERSON
JOE NIGRO

Representing:

INTRODUCER
NCPA NEBRASKA COMMISSION ON PUBLIC
ADVOCACY
NCDA
SARPY COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER
ACLU
LANCASTER COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER

Opponents:

DONALD KLEINE

Representing:

NE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S ASSOCIATION

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB483 would extend the "parole one-thirds rule" to all felonies, not just Class IV felonies. This bill would restore an element of the sentencing policy that was in place from the 1970s until 1993.

The "parole one-thirds rule" for sentencing provides that the court may set a minimum and maximum sentence length within the range provided by law, but the minimum limit fixed by the court cannot be greater than one-third of the maximum term.

LB483 also amends 29-2204 to eliminate outdated language, but makes no changes to the "truth in sentencing" provisions or the sentencing advisement in that section.
