

One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB354

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 354 would amend the Nebraska Crime Victim's Reparation Act by making the following changes:

In Section 1 the bill would add a third public member to the Crime Victim's Reparation Committee. The new member would represent crime victims.

In Section 2 obsolete language would be repealed.

In Section 3 the Nebraska Administrative Code requirement that a victim's claim application be notarized would be eliminated.

In Section 4 the bill would increase the maximum compensation award from ten to twenty-five thousand dollars. An award could provide up to ten thousand dollars for funeral expenses, twenty thousand dollars for medical expenses or five thousand for other related costs while maintaining the maximum of twenty-five thousand dollars, unless job retraining or employment-related rehabilitative services are needed for the victim.

In Section 5 a new provision would be added to protect the privacy of crime victims.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator John McCollister