

**One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB502**

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**Chairperson: Senator Laura Ebke**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: March 23, 2017**

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

This bill is meant to restore the constitutional rights of Nebraskans to be able to carry a firearm, concealed or open, without being forced to take a State-mandated test and pay a fee. This bill keeps Nebraska's current concealed carry permit system, thus retaining the option of issuing permits that would allow state residents to carry while traveling to other parts of the country that honor Nebraska's current concealed carry permit. This bill does not change the law concerning people currently prohibited from carrying a handgun.

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

Senator Tom Brewer