

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB520

Chairperson: Senator Laura Ebke

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: March 08, 2017

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

Legislative Bill 520 would implement a system to notify law enforcement officials when persons prohibited from owning a handgun by state or federal law attempt to get a handgun purchase permit, or a concealed carry permit.

Under current law, persons attempting to obtain a handgun must undergo a background check from the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), in two instances. 1). When they apply for a certificate to purchase, lease, rent, or receive transfer of a handgun from the sheriff's or chief of police's office, or 2). When applying for a permit to carry a concealed handgun from the Nebraska State Patrol (which can serve as a certificate to purchase, lease, rent, or receive transfer of a handgun).

LB 520 would require a sheriff's office, or the Nebraska State Patrol, upon receiving a notification of denial from the NICS, to share that denial with the Nebraska Crime Commission. The Commission would then in turn share notifications with the Attorney General, the United States Attorney for the District of Nebraska, county attorneys, and to the law enforcement agencies that have relevant jurisdiction to the denied application.

The bill would also require annual reports on the number and final disposition of denials.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Matt Hansen