

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB131

Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: March 15, 2019

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

LB131 reestablishes that a minimum term not exceed one-third of the maximum term for sentencing of certain Class felonies, unless a mandatory minimum sentence is required by statute.

This change will have the practical effect of allowing offenders to become parole-eligible sooner and alleviating the overcrowding crisis in Nebraska prisons.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Patty Pansing Brooks