

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB282

Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 13, 2019

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

LB282 eliminates money bond for certain offenses except when the victim is an intimate partner as defined in section 28-323. Defendants would not be eligible for release without money bond if they have previously failed to appear in the instant case and if the judge either determines that a release will not reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant or if such a release could jeopardize the safety and maintenance of evidence or the safety of victims, witnesses, or other persons in the community.

Those charged with the following offenses would be eligible:

- A class IIIA, IV, or V misdemeanor
- A violation of a city or county ordinance

The bill also requires courts to appoint counsel for indigent defendants if money bond is a condition of their release.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Matt Hansen, M.