

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2022
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB1246

Hearing Date: Thursday February 03, 2022
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Pansing Brooks
One Liner: Require confidentiality for victims of sexual assault and sex trafficking in criminal proceedings prior to the filing of charges

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:
Aye: 8 Senators Brandt, DeBoer, Geist, Lathrop, McKinney, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks, Slama
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Oral Testimony:

Proponents:
Senator Patty Pansing Brooks
Molly Nocita
Angie Lauritsen
Tracy Scherer
Glen Parks
Jo Giles
Nature Villegas

Representing:
Introducer
Self
Survivors Rising
Omaha Police Department
Nebraska Attorney General's Office
Women's Fund of Omaha
Stand In for Nebraska

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Section 1 is a new section that contains references to definitions of "criminal justice agency", "sex trafficking", and "sexual assault". This section would also require law enforcement and prosecutors to maintain the confidentiality of the identity and identifying information of the alleged victim.

Section 2 would amend Sec. 55-182 to make a harmonizing change.

Section 3 would amend Sec. 79-2,144 to make a harmonizing change.

Section 4 would amend Sec. 84-712.05 to add an exception to Nebraska's public records statutes for the identity and personal identifying information of an alleged victim of sexual assault or sex trafficking.

Explanation of amendments:

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The amendment would provide an additional exception to the confidentiality requirement to allow criminal justice agencies to share information about an alleged victim with an educational entity.

Steve Lathrop, Chairperson