

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB34

Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 17, 2021

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

LB34 changes sentencing provisions for crimes committed by a person under twenty-one years of age at the time of the commission of a crime in order to ensure a juvenile does not receive a sentence of life imprisonment without parole.

LB34 also removes mandatory minimum penalties for Class IC or Class ID felonies for offenses committed when such a person was under 21 years of age. The bill provides that those penalties shall not be a mandatory minimum, but a minimum term only.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Patty Pansing Brooks