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Introducer's Statement of Intent

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Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 05, 2021

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

LB445 makes the following changes to duties required by law enforcement officers when taking juveniles into temporary custody and administering custodial interrogations:

- Requires that officers take reasonable measures to notify the juvenile's parent or guardian that the juvenile is in custody, their location, and the reason for being held.
- Adds language that stipulates that if a juvenile requests to speak to a parent, guardian, custodian, or attorney before or during an interrogation, all questioning must stop until that person arrives.

LB445 also makes a series of updates to terminology to promote clarity and consistency, such as using the more accurate and inclusive term "parent, guardian, or custodian" and clarifying that certain relatives need to be "adult relatives."

Principal Introducer:	
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Senator Matt Hansen, M.