

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB56

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:

LB56 would make all incarcerated individuals eligible for parole two-years prior to their date of release. The purpose for this is to improve public safety by decreasing the likelihood that offenders are not released from incarceration directly into the community without supervision. These changes apply only to sentences imposed after the effective date of this act.

The bill also provides for funding to ensure parole officer caseloads remain within statutory and regulatory limits and requires reporting to the Clerk of the Legislature detailed statistics on the caseloads of parole officers, including the number of parolees supervised by each officer, and the offense types and risk assessment level of each parolee.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Steve Lathrop