

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB7

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:

LB7 amends 28-801, 28-801.01, and sections 28-101, 28-416, and 28-441 to strengthen access to the criminal legal system and emergency medical services in the aftermath of violent crimes. LB 7 establishes a person is not in violation of an eligible offense when such person is a victim or witness of a violent crime and reports the crime to law enforcement or seeks emergency medical assistance for a victim, or when such person cooperates with law enforcement in the investigation or prosecution of a violent crime. Eligible offenses for which someone is able to gain access to legal protections under these three scenarios are defined to include prostitution-related offenses and drug possession offenses.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Carol Blood