

**One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB851**

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**Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: March 02, 2022**

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

LB 851 changes the definition of animal abuse to include "hit, kick, or strike in any manner" and clarifies that it is the duty of law enforcement to promptly investigate situations where there is reason to believe that an animal has been neglected or cruelly mistreated.

LB 851 does not apply to uncaptured wild animals or livestock.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Anna Wishart**