

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB883

Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: January 19, 2022

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

This bill acknowledges that minors are a vulnerable class and should be treated as such even in the criminal justice system. Additionally, this bill asserts that work should be done to decrease harm perpetuated by the proverbial “court of public opinion” as not to interfere with the child's or adolescent's ability to be rehabilitated and reintegrated into society.

Under this bill, the identity of minors who are accused and/or charged with criminal offenses cannot be made public. This stands whether the minor was charged as an adult or not.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Terrell McKinney