

# One Hundred Seventh Legislature - Second Session - 2022

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

**LB897**

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**Chairperson: Senator Dan Hughes**

**Committee: Executive Board**

**Date of Hearing: February 01, 2022**

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

LB897 would amend both the Office of the Inspector General of Nebraska Child Welfare Act and the Office of the Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System Act in order to make several procedural and technical clarifications that have been identified by the Inspectors General and the Public Counsel. LB897 would:

- clarify the duties of the Offices of Inspectors General;
- clarify redundant or confusing language and reorder the sections for clarity;
- clarify and change the timeframe for responses to Inspector General reports;
- clarify that the Division of Parole Supervision continues to be a part of the Office of the Inspector General of the Nebraska Correctional System Act;
- require that both Inspectors General refer any actions warranting criminal or disciplinary proceedings to the appropriate authorities; and
- clarify that a witness may have personal counsel present at an interview to align with national standards for Inspectors General.

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

**Senator Steve Lathrop**