

One Hundred Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2023

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB11

Chairperson: Senator Justin Wayne

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 10, 2023

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

LB 11 clarifies domestic abuse protection orders to explicitly include the protection of household pets. Perpetrators of domestic abuse often use threats or harm to household pets as leverage to coerce a victim to stay in the relationship. This bill's intent is to reduce barriers for victims seeking to leave an abusive relationship and who are hesitant to do so because of threats to their pets by allowing victims the option of including a household pet on their protection order application.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Carol Blood