

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - First Session - 2025

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB215

Chairperson: Senator Carolyn Bosn

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 26, 2025

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

LB 215 changes provisions relating to sentences and certain offenses. It provides a chance at early release for model inmates who are serving long-term or life sentences, but who are rehabilitated and ready to be safely released from incarceration. It also allows persons convicted of most misdemeanors, but who have served their appointed prison time to automatically have non-violent offenses generally expunged from their records. Additionally, persons convicted of certain low-level felonies may petition the court for such expungement. The goal is to better allow persons with past convictions to be reintegrated into society and to, as far as it concerns the justice system, lead a normal life.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Rick Holdcroft