

One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB818

Chairperson: Senator Carolyn Bosn

Committee: Judiciary

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

LB818 strengthens Nebraska's laws addressing domestic violence and assault by increasing penalties for the more serious domestic assault offenses and for repeat and high-risk offenders. The bill enhances penalties for second and first-degree domestic assault offenses and brings those penalties in line with the penalties for comparable straight assault offenses. It also expands the domestic assault statutes to include reckless conduct that results in bodily injury or serious bodily injury involving a dangerous instrument. LB818 increases penalties for repeat domestic assault offenses, including prior out-of-state or federal convictions, to better reflect the seriousness of repeated violence and to ensure offenders cannot avoid enhanced penalties based on where prior convictions occurred. It also enhances penalties for assault by strangulation or suffocation when the offender has a prior comparable conviction, including convictions from other jurisdictions.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tanya Storer