

# **One Hundred Ninth Legislature - Second Session - 2026**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB973**

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**Chairperson: Senator Rita Sanders**

**Committee: Government, Military and Veterans Affairs**

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

LB 973 has two objectives: to remove a disparity affecting State employees and to enable better management of public-access parking adjacent to the Capitol.

The State has about 18,000 employees. The bill removes a disparity in the treatment of state employees. About 2,500 employees have state-provided parking, and some pay for private parking. Most, however, park adjacent to their workplace without paying for parking. The bill requires DAS to provide free off-street parking, removing the disparity.

Because the bill requires DAS to provide off-street parking for employees, employees will have a place to park, allowing the City of Lincoln to better manage on-street parking adjacent to the Capitol.

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

**Senator Jane Raybould**