



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 467**

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**Chairperson:** Brad Ashford  
**Committee:** Judiciary  
**Date of Hearing:** February 15, 2007

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

Falling within the jurisdiction of the Office of the Public Counsel (Ombudsman) is the authority to address and attempt to resolve complaints of inmates in state correctional facilities.

LB 467, in absence of any governmental entity charged with handling complaints of county inmates, extends the jurisdiction of the Ombudsman's Office to address complaints of inmates in county correctional and jail facilities.

Although the Nebraska Jail Standards Board periodically inspects county jails to monitor compliance with physical and operational standards, it is neither equipped nor directed to handle inmates' complaints in the manner of the Ombudsman's Office.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Ernie Chambers**