

## Chairperson:Rich PahlsCommittee:Banking, Commerce and InsuranceDate of Hearing:February 12, 2008

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

LB 785 would require residential property sellers to inform homebuyers about where to obtain information regarding the State's Sex Offender Registry, to better protect families and increase use of the Registry.

The following statement would be required as part of the disclosures residential property sellers are already required to provide:

"Information regarding registered sex offenders may be obtained from local law enforcement agencies or the Nebraska State Patrol. This notice is intended only to inform you of where to obtain this information and is not an indication of the presence of registered sex offenders."

The bill clarifies that such a requirement does not create legal liability on the part of the seller to actually determine the presence of sex offenders. The bill would only affect residential sales after January 1, 2009.

**Principal Introducer:** 

**Senator Gwen Howard**