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Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 38

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: March 19, 2009

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

LB 38 would amend the current statutory sections regarding crimes and offenses against peace officers, probation officers, and employees of the Department of Correctional Services by including Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) staff who work in a Regional Center facility or a Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center (YRTC). The bill would thus establish parity for the staff in the 24-hour facilities operated by DHHS with those employees holding similar job classifications, duties, and functions within the Department of Correctional Services. LB 38 would also thus reestablish the protections that were provided to YRTC staff prior to the YRTC's merger into DHHS in 1997.

In addition, LB 38 would allow for the filing of felony charges against persons who commit certain assault or other offenses (1) while legally confined in a Regional Center facility or YRTC, or (2) while committed as a mentally ill dangerous person or dangerous sex offender under the Nebraska Mental Health Commitment Act or the Sex Offender Commitment Act.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Mike Flood