



One Hundred First Legislature - Second Session - 2010
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 859

Chairperson: Brad Ashford
Committee: Judiciary
Date of Hearing: January 28, 2010

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

LB 859 seeks to save money for county courts by reducing the number of innocuous charges that can be tried by jury. In allowing lesser charges to be tried via bench trial, counties will see a savings in paying the salaries of a jury. Further, it will allow for a speedier trial for those who committed these lesser offenses, making the justice process in the counties more streamlined and efficient.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Scott Lautenbaugh