

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2011
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB612

Hearing Date: Thursday March 17, 2011
Committee On: Judiciary
Introducer: Pirsch
One Liner: Increase statute of limitations for plaintiffs suffering injury from sexual assault as a child

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Ashford, Coash, Council, Harr, Larson, Lathrop, Lautenbaugh, McGill
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

SEN. PETE PIRSCH
JACK HOSKING
STEVE BULLOCK
GORDON PETERSON

JOAN HILLMAN

Representing:

INTRODUCER
SELF
SELF
SURVIVOR'S NETWORK, CALL TO ACTION
NEBRASKA
SELF

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

Legislative Bill 612 would create a specific statute of limitations for civil actions in cases of sexual assault of a child. A child victim of sexual assault would have 12 years after the cause of action accrues to file the lawsuit. Under current law, the victim would have four years from the time he or she reaches the age of 21 to file the lawsuit.

Explanation of amendments:

Committee Amendment AM 789 would clarify the intent of the bill by providing that the victim would have 12 years after their 21st birthday to file the lawsuit.

Brad Ashford, Chairperson