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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB737

Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing:

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

LB737 is introduced at the request of the Nebraska State Patrol. LB737 would provide clean-up language to amend Nebraska State Statute 43-107 which requires fingerprint-based national criminal history record background checks for adoptive home studies and for prospective adoptive parents.

It clarifies the requirements for what is to be submitted and in what format to the State Patrol for the completion of the background check for adoptive parents. Specifically, this bill tells prospective adoptive parents that they are to submit two sets of fingerprints, as required by the FBI, and the appropriate fee to cover the costs of the national background check, to the State Patrol.

Background checks are currently statutorily required for all prospective adoptive parents. It has been the experience of the State Patrol that applications are submitted without the adequate number of fingerprint cards or without the necessary fee. The processing time will be shortened if all necessary information is provided during the first submittal so the fingerprints based national criminal history record check can be completed as efficiently as possible.

These changes are non-substantive and clean-up in nature.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Mike Gloor

