One Hundred Second Legislature - Second Session - 2012 Introducer's Statement of Intent LB815

Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: January 19, 2012

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

LB 815 increases the penalty for concealing the death of another person and specifically criminalizes attempts to prevent the discovery of human remains. Currently, the penalty for concealment of a person's death is a class I misdemeanor. Under LB 815, the penalty is increased to a class III felony.

The bill further establishes such concealment or an attempt to prevent discovery of human remains will be treated as a separate and distinct offense with any sentences imposed to be served consecutively. Under LB 815, it will be one crime to kill and another to conceal. Finally, the bill removes the application of a statute of limitation to this offense.

Principal Introducer:	

Senator Tony Fulton