

One Hundred Second Legislature - Second Session - 2012

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB973

Chairperson: Senator Jeremy Nordquist

Committee: Nebraska Retirement Systems

Date of Hearing: January 31, 2012

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

LB 973 provides Judges' with an optional means of providing civil restitution to victims of particularly heinous crimes.

Under LB 973, if a state or county employee is convicted or pleads guilty to felony assault, sexual assault, kidnapping, child abuse, false imprisonment or theft by embezzlement and is found civilly liable for resulting damages, a judge may order the civil payment from a portion the convict's state or county benefits and/or annuities plan. However, the benefits and annuities to the extent reasonably necessary for the support of the employee or appointee or any of his or her beneficiaries must be exempt from payment.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Colby Coash