

# One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

### LB1079

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**Chairperson: Senator Les Seiler**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: February 10, 2016**

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

The primary intention of LB 1079 is the protection of persons attending large events, by increasing available law enforcement resources allowing police officers to work outside their primary jurisdiction as a law enforcement officer for or with the University of Nebraska Police Department.

Statutes generally recognize municipal and village police departments. Police officers of the University of Nebraska Police Department receive commissions as State Deputy Sheriffs from the Nebraska State Patrol, which extends liability to the Nebraska State Patrol for law enforcement actions taken by these commissioned State Deputy Sheriff's. State Deputy Sheriff commissions were originally intended for specific investigative functions in support of the Nebraska State Patrol and not to support full service police departments such as the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Department. LB 1079 would provide recognition as a police department to include the University of Nebraska, also removing liability to the Nebraska State Patrol.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Patty Pansing Brooks