

# One Hundred Fourth Legislature - Second Session - 2016

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

**LB757**

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**Chairperson: Senator Les Seiler**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: February 11, 2016**

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

LB757 increases the bankruptcy "wildcard exemption" in Neb. Rev. Stat. 25-1552 from \$2,500 to \$5,000. The "wildcard exemption" allows a debtor to exempt personal property, other than wages, that has not been otherwise classified. Neb. Rev. Stat. 25-1552 has not been updated in 19 years.

LB757 also increases certain bankruptcy exemption amounts under Neb. Rev. Stat. 25-1556. The "household items" exemption is increased from \$1,500 to \$3,000, and the "tools of the trade" exemption, to be used for items other than a motor vehicle, is increased from \$2,400 to \$5,000. A debtor's interest in a motor vehicle is removed from the "tools of the trade" exemption and classified as its own exemption of up to \$5,000. Neb. Rev. Stat. 25-1556 also has not been updated in 19 years.

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

Senator Lydia Brasch