

**ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2018**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB977**

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**Hearing Date:** Friday February 23, 2018  
**Committee On:** Judiciary  
**Introducer:** Wayne  
**One Liner:** Make post-release supervision optional for Class IV felonies

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File

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**Vote Results:**

<b>Aye:</b>	7	Senators Baker, Ebke, Halloran, Hansen, Krist, Morfeld, Pansing Brooks
<b>Nay:</b>		
<b>Absent:</b>	1	Senator Chambers
<b>Present Not Voting:</b>		

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Justin Wayne  
Spike Eickholt

**Representing:**

Introducer  
Nebraska Criminal Defense Attorneys Association

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

Under current law, when sentencing a person convicted of a Class IV Felony, a judge must impose a nine-month term of post-release supervision if imprisonment is imposed. This bill would eliminate that requirement and instead provide that a term of post-release supervision would be at the judge's discretion. The bill would apply to future offenses and offenses committed on or after August 30, 2015, if final judgment has not been entered.

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Laura Ebke, Chairperson