

**One Hundred Fifth Legislature - First Session - 2017**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB434**

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**Chairperson: Senator Laura Ebke**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: March 09, 2017**

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

LB 434 would adjust language in statute relate to the ability to hold evidentiary hearings before the juvenile court with the juvenile appearing telephonically or through videoconferencing. Under current statute, juveniles can only appear at an evidentiary hearing via telephone or videoconference if all parties stipulate to such. LB 434 would strike the requirement that all parties stipulate to the telephonic or videoconference hearing, and would provide that an evidentiary hearing may be heard by the court telephonically or by videoconferencing in a manner that ensures the preservation of an accurate record and due process rights of all parties.

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

Senator Laura Ebke