

# **One Hundred Fifth Legislature - Second Session - 2018**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB678**

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**Chairperson: Senator Laura Ebke**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: January 18, 2018**

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

In 2016 the Legislature enacted LB 505, which amended section 29-3523 to provide for certain records relating to criminal charges to be sealed. If the criminal case was dismissed because the person charged successfully completed a pretrial diversion program, was acquitted, or the prosecutor otherwise dismissed the case, the law provided that the records relating to the criminal case would be withheld from public inspection.

The effective date of LB 505 was January 1, 2017. This date was designated in order to accommodate computer and administrative changes necessary to carry out the law.

Legislative Bill 678 would provide for a means by which a person who has had his or her case dismissed prior to January 1, 2017 could petition a court to seal his or her record as provided in section 29-3523.

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

Senator Bob Krist