

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

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB819**

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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:

LB 819 expands the allowable uses of the Department of Correctional Services Inmate Welfare and Club Accounts Fund to include programs which teach inmates skills to prepare them for reentry into the community and family friendly visitation activities. This bill will allow the department to provide additional opportunities for inmates to interact with their families in prosocial activities and to acquire skills which will assist them in preparing for release. Currently, inmate welfare funds may only be used for recreational activities and equipment. The welfare fund receives income from pop and canteen sales within the correctional institutions.

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

Senator Dan Hughes