

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - Second Session - 2018

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB841

Chairperson: Senator Laura Ebke

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: January 17, 2018

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

Under section 83-962, Nebraska prisons must be at or below 140% of design capacity by July 1, 2020 or an overcrowding emergency shall exist and the Board of Parole shall immediately consider or reconsider committed offenders for suitability for accelerated release on parole, until Nebraska prisons reach operational capacity, which is 125% or below.

LB841 prepares for this process by directing the Nebraska Board of Parole and the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services to implement an accelerated parole review process to ensure public safety and determine whether additional legislation or funding will be necessary, should an emergency take place. LB841 provides that the Board of Parole and the Department of Correctional Services submit a plan to the Legislature on or before December 1, 2018 which describes the process of implementing an accelerated parole review.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Patty Pansing Brooks