

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

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB971**

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**Chairperson: Senator Laura Ebke**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: January 26, 2018**

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

LB 971 reduces the penalty for possession of 1 gram or less of a controlled substance or 10 pills or less of a controlled substance from a Class IV felony to a Class I misdemeanor. This would treat people possessing small user amounts of controlled substances less harshly and reduce the burden on the criminal justice system and the Department of Correctional Services.

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

Senator Justin Wayne