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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB973

Chairperson: Senator Dan Watermeier

Committee: Executive Board

Date of Hearing: February 01, 2018

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

LB 973 would require that redistricting software purchased by the Legislature be used to create any map that is part of a legislative bill or an amendment to a legislative bill introduced for the purpose of redrawing district boundaries. In the past, the Legislative Redistricting Committee created by the Legislature has adopted guidelines stating that the all maps submitted for redistricting purposes must be created or verified by the Legislature's primary Geographic Information System housed in the Legislative Research Office. LB 973 will codify this guideline that has been used in the past into state statute and will ensure all plans submitted for the legislature's consideration conform to the census geography, population figures, and constitutional requirements used by the Legislature for redistricting.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Sue Crawford