

One Hundred Fifth Legislature - Second Session - 2018

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB978

Chairperson: Senator Laura Ebke

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 15, 2018

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

Legislative Bill 978 improves the fairness and efficiency of Nebraska's wage garnishment system. It does this by:

- Providing a plain-language notice to employees at the beginning of the wage garnishment process;
- Statutorily authorizing electronic payments between employer (garnishee), court, and creditor;
- Adjusting the limits on garnishment and making them automatic;
- Expanding the definition of "employee" to the new class of workers who are functionally equivalent to employees but treated as independent contractors; and
- Expanding the protections employees currently have against discharge because of garnishment.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Burke Harr