

# One Hundred Fifth Legislature - Second Session - 2018

## Introducer's Statement of Intent

### LB981

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**Chairperson: Senator Laura Ebke**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: February 22, 2018**

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

LB 981 would require prosecutors to initially file Class IIA felonies in juvenile court. Currently Class III, Class IIIA, and Class IV felonies must initially be filed in juvenile court. This bill would expand this requirement to include Class IIA felonies to those offenses which must originate in juvenile court. Prosecutors can still file a motion to transfer these offense to adult court.

The bill also would allow juveniles and their legal counsel to consent to extending jurisdiction until the age of 21 which would give juvenile court more time to work with offenders.

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

Senator Roy Baker