

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

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB983**

---

**Chairperson: Senator Laura Ebke**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: February 09, 2018**

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

The proposed statutory change to 29-4205 is needed to allow Nebraska media to photograph video court arraignments from the prison and jails. Since March 1, 2017, the Nebraska Supreme Court has allowed news media cameras into trial courts across Nebraska for news reporting purposes. The newly created Supreme Court Rule on Cameras in the Courtroom did not contemplate the statute at the time it was written. An exception needs to be made to allow photographing of the video screens within the courtroom where individuals are appearing from remote locations via video technology.

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

Senator Laura Ebke