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Introducer's Statement of Intent

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Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 06, 2020

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

LB 1148 is intended to establish procedural protections, including ongoing juvenile court oversight, for youth committed to the Office of Juvenile Services for placement at a Youth Rehabilitation and Treatment Center (YRTC).

LB 1148 provides for motion and hearing opportunities in the juvenile court, to consider the treatment and care of a committed juvenile, as well as the ongoing utility of commitment placement.

LB 1148 clarifies that youth shall be committed to a specified YRTC facility, and transfers between a facilities are considered changes of placement requiring notice and the opportunity for hearing in the juvenile court.

LB 1148 further specifies that a juvenile detention facility shall not be utilized as a YRTC facility.

Principal Introducer:	
-	Senator Tony Vargas