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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1172

Chairperson: Senator Sara Howard

Committee: Health and Human Services

Date of Hearing: February 06, 2020

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

LB1172 would require that a court order for placement at a youth rehabilitation and treatment center must specify either the YRTC facility at Geneva or the facility at Kearney. Except in cases of emergency, any transportation of a juvenile from one facility to the other would require a new court order.

It additionally authorizes the use of the Lincoln Regional Center as a psychiatric residential treatment facility for juveniles. Notice to the court and all interested parties is required at least 60 days prior to release from such a facility.

Each YRTC facility will be required to report a description of services provided to juveniles to the Supreme Court and the Legislature each year.

Finally, DHHS will contract with the University of Nebraska to conduct a needs analysis of the programs and facilities at the youth rehabilitation and treatment centers.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Machaela Cavanaugh