

Legislature - First Session - 2019

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB238

Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: March 07, 2019

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

LB238 provides that persons required to be present for an execution shall continuously witness the execution process from the moment the convicted person enters the execution chamber until the convicted person is declared dead or the execution is halted. Such persons shall not be obstructed, shielded or otherwise impeded from witnessing or viewing the execution. The bill also establishes that the person or persons administering or conducting the execution under the execution protocol may, upon request, wear a mask or otherwise conceal their personal identity from the witnesses.

The bill further provides that two members of the Legislature, chosen by the Executive Board of the Legislative Council, shall be present to view the execution process.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Patty Pansing Brooks