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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB924

Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: January 31, 2020

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

Section 20-504 prohibits racial profiling and requires a written policy by every law enforcement agency to attain such a goal. Legislative Bill 924 requires the inclusion of "anti-bias and implicit bias training designated to minimize racial profiling" in such policy.

Specifically, the bill requires certified law enforcement officers to complete a minimum of two hours of "anti-bias or implicit bias training" per year, in addition to the existing requirement to complete at least 20 hours per year of continuing education in criminal justice and law enforcement courses, to maintain certification.

Also, LB 924 provides an enforcement mechanism regarding record keeping and reporting relative to racial profiling: If a law enforcement agency fails to "record or retain or report racial profiling information, in a material manner" to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement as required by law, such agency shall be ineligible to receive loans, grants, funds, or donations administered by the commission.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Ernie Chambers