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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB959

Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 13, 2020

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

Under current law, a person who has been convicted of a felony offense and sentenced to prison on two prior occasions, may be charged as a Habitual Criminal for any subsequent felony crime. The Habitual Criminal law is Nebraska's version of the 3-strikes law and requires a 10 year mandatory minimum sentence.

LB959 removes nonviolent felonies from the Habitual Criminal law, applying the 10 year mandatory minimum sentence to only serious and violent felony crimes.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Tony Vargas