

One Hundred Seventh Legislature - First Session - 2021

Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB205

Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: January 27, 2021

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

LB 205 would place a reasonable limit on the amount of late fees that landlords can charge tenants for unpaid rent. It provides that late fee terms must be in the rental agreement and any rent payments must be applied first to the periodic rent and then toward any outstanding fees.

The bill would further provide that adequate information must be provided in a notice of termination if a landlord decides to terminate a rental agreement due to late payment of rent. Landlords cannot collect late fees if opting to terminate the rental agreement.

There are currently no restrictions on the amount of a late fee that can be charged for unpaid rent in Nebraska. LB 205 provides clear guidance for landlords and tenants and consistency in the rental housing market.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Megan Hunt