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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB537

Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 05, 2021

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

This bill is designed to better balance the needs of community safety and juvenile rehabilitation efforts. Current law limits the ability of juvenile probation and juvenile court judges to detain high risk juvenile offenders. This bill would make it possible to detain high risk juvenile offenders for 24 judicial hours in order for a juvenile court judge to determine whether or not high risk juvenile offenders should be detained. It also allows detention of a juvenile under current age limitations if the juvenile poses a severe threat to the physical safety of themselves or others.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Suzanne Geist