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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB663

Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 03, 2021

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

LB663 establishes the creation of a mental and behavioral health indicator within the Nebraska Criminal Justice Information System to provide a tool to law enforcement to further protect individuals who are in mental and behavioral health crisis. While protecting privacy, the bill establishes the transfer of identifying data of those individuals assigned custody under the Department of Health and Human Services for inpatient treatment by a mental health board. The information is then transferred to the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement. The commission uses this information, limited to only what is needed to properly identify the individual, to build an indicator within the NCJIS system. The system is then searchable by specific individuals within law enforcement when assisting officers in their duties.

Using this indicator, members of law enforcement would have a tool to identify if an individual may be undergoing a known mental or behavioral health crisis, and work with provider partners to safely resolve possibly dangerous situations.

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Suzanne Geist