

# **One Hundred Eighth Legislature - Second Session - 2024**

## **Introducer's Statement of Intent**

### **LB846**

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**Chairperson: Senator Justin Wayne**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: January 31, 2024**

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

LB 846 would clarify the rights and responsibilities of landlords and tenants related to bed bug infestations.

Under the bill, tenants would be legally protected to promptly come forward about a suspected bed bug infestation without fear of retribution or responsibility for associated costs. If the tenant is compliant with the Act, the landlord would be responsible for obtaining an inspection and treatment if necessary in a timely manner.

Landlord property values would be protected by ensuring that infestations do not go unreported and untreated. Tenants would be empowered to report suspected infestations before bed bugs spread and cause further damage to adjacent units, and less likely to attempt inefficient self-treatment methods.

The bill also prevents landlords from knowingly renting units reasonably suspected to contain bed bugs, and requires them to disclose recent bed bug infestations to prospective tenants.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Senator Megan Hunt**