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**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 989**

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**Chairperson:** Brad Ashford  
**Committee:** Judiciary  
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The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Inmates of correctional facilities are often placed in a segregation cell or solitary confinement for purposes of punishment after they are found to have violated prison rules. The terms “administrative segregation” and “administrative confinement” refer to those situations where prison administrators place an inmate in a segregation cell or solitary confinement for management purposes, rather than as a form of punishment. Statutes and court rulings setting limits on the length of time that an inmate may be made to remain in solitary confinement for punishment purposes do not apply when an inmate is placed in solitary confinement for management purposes.

LB 989 would regularize the use of solitary confinement or administrative segregation for management purposes so that its use is limited to those situations where it is truly necessary. In every case where an inmate was placed in administrative segregation, the bill would require prison administrators to develop a written plan for reintegration of the inmate back into the prison’s general population.

The bill would also make it clear that administrative segregation is not to be used as punishment, and that inmates held in administrative segregation are entitled to receive the same basic rights and privileges afforded to all other inmates in the facility.

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